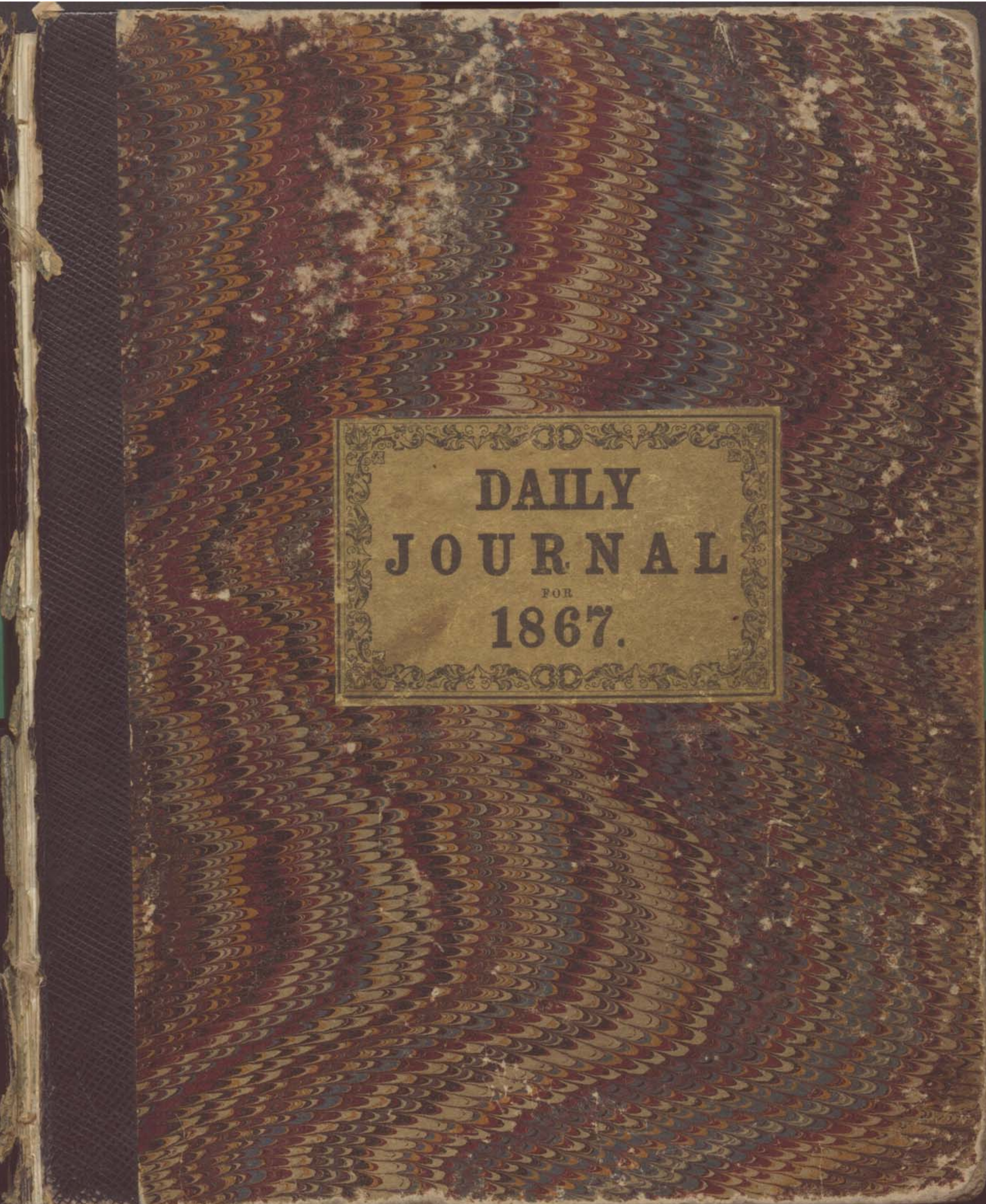

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1867.

To day the weather was pretty cool and Frosty all day the wind had changed a little from last night

Being ~~the~~ New Years day there was no work at the Office.

I went down in the forenoon and saw them unloading a Steamboat load of Cars from the G W Railroad Ferry boat 14 cars the thing was done like clock work I never saw ~~anything~~ anything design better I went across the river with the boat and saw them take in the cars from the other side and come over hear and deliver them the whole affair occupied just one hour that is for fourteen cars so that 10 hours 140 can be transported with all ease so that really no ~~ea~~ has occurred like it in Railroad matters since the opening of the Road Freight from Chicago to Boston or New York can go through without breaking bulk

Went to Mr Lowns to dinner that is Helen and I And the girls went to Uncle James Nobles. this evening I made calls at the following houses Capt Robert Irvings Nortons Kennedys William Burtlets Kemps Johnstons Binhams, Nobles [illegible] Macdonalds Woodbridges and Calverts in all 13 The day passed off pleasantly

I read some in the Mails which I got tonight but I was a kind of sleepy and did not enjoy much reading to day

James Abell and Jane Lurk were married last night I have made a resolve to day that every item I should must be put down this year

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1867.

To-day the weather was pretty cold although a fine day all day towards night it froze pretty hard

We had no case before Police Court to day of any moment but a man drunk and he was let go

I was busy among School matters setting up to day and squaring off Mr Morton

I wrote a note to Capt Lee to day asking the use of one of the Barracks for a School House~~s~~ for the colored children

To day there appears to be a sort of lull in the business of Municipal Politics although each party is eagerly electioneering for next Monday they say John Osborne is hard at work in the upper ward trying to persuade the Electors off in

Pork appears to be coming down in price very much it is now only selling at $4 per hundred which is scarcely half what it was last year provision men are reckoning it is same in the United States

James Noble and Josiah Strong commenced business to day as Brokers and Bankers in Horace Davenport Store where Kennedy

Michigan Legislature met to day and the question of Dr Spencer's candidature will come up

The great Battle of Protection or higher duties will come up in Congress when it meets again

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1867.

To day in the morning we had a severe frost but it got quite mild during the day so that it looked like a thaw

Fined George Walker for being drunk today he was fined two dollars and costs

I understand that they are going to make an effort to get in McDonell next Monday so that they may run Dougall out such is the Bloomfield Programme at present a very poor one it is and one totally at variance with every gentlemanly aspiration but talk of gentlemanly conduct when such men are about is nonsense,

We had a meeting of a few friends at the house consisting of Mr Kemp and family Capt McKay & family and Mr Woodbridge and family Carmichael & sons in we passed a very pleasant evening and a good deal of conversion took place in which the Capt and others joined

No news of any importance at present I saw that Stephens was supposed to still be in New York but had left when found out

In the evening I was waited upon by a young Lady asking the appointment of Coloured School Teacher but I discouraged her a good deal but arranged an appointment with her ~~the~~ tomorrow forenoon with Mr McLeon at nine Oclock

Understood that Mr Brown had another meeting in Nutson's Saloon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1867.

To day the weather was very mild all day and tended a little towards thawing but nevertheless a fine day

In the morning we had the Young Lady call on us Mr McKeown was present and seemed a kind of pleased at her mode address as well as her energy in wanting to get a School

We had Evans up for depositing cleanings of Privies on the public street west of Blackader's House he was fined $2 and costs

I received Dr Gilbert's Bill wherein he charged me for 27 visits $31 I thought he certainly put in a stiff bill altogether however I suppose I must pay it, ~~[illegible]~~ and be done with it

We all went to Mr Cheyne's this evening to tea that is the Family Connections and the Minister I suppose — or at least hope this will be last of the feasts for sometime

I crossed the river this afternoon and gave an order to Richmond and Buchan to get me some paper ruled so that I might supply the Returning Officers with Pollbooks on Monday Morning

Gold has risen a little now at $134½

Mrs Williams and her sister came up from Toronto today

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1867.

To day the weather was good but a kind of hard bare weather

To day the parties in the Contest to take place on Monday are very eager and very anxious about the matter on Monday

I understand that a Meeting will be held among the Blacks tonight by Irwin A Broshure came out this afternoon giving a Speech which purports to be one delivered by Irwin at the Coloured meeting on Monday evening last the thing was handed round the Streets by gift distributers and paints our friend Irwin in no very enviable condition

I went across the river to day to get some paper Ruled for my voters Lists Mr W Irwin was along with me and we went into the gift book Store of Foster & Co we found there are amazing lot of English works regardless of expense one work the Sketches of Hogarth was valued at $250 American funds which is really enormous and several other very large English works are just as high. No news of any importance that I hear of with the exception as above that all parties are blazing themselves up for the fight on Monday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1867.

To day the weather was pretty cold but it was pretty comfortable in church with the three stoves
Mr Kemp preached a good New Years Sermon in the morning and recounted the blessings which we had enjoyed during the last year by freedom from sickness and war &c

In the Evening he gave us a discourse on Christ being the light of the world principally dictated by the appointment of the Evangelical ~~[illegible]~~ alliance who have appointed next week as the week of prayer
I did not go out this afternoon as Mr Noble and Mr Blackader went across the river to the communion
I was not very well to day and did not feel like doing a great deal of work
The two Miss Williams came up on Friday last they are to take charge of the Hurst's children and do some ~~[illegible]~~ missionary work among the Blacks.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1867.

To day the weather was moderately
cold and frosty
Exactly at Nine Oclock the War began
In the First Ward Thomas Woodbridge
retiring from the Contest early in the day because
of his Contract with the Council for making
Hose to Fire Engine Then the Contest came
between Mr Arinder and Mr Shiel
until it finally closed with Shiel 78 to
Arinders Forty The contest was therefore very
circumscribed Messrs Worthington and Shiel are
the members

Second Ward was a perfect Waterloo Irwin
early in the day led off George Grant after
receiving 9 votes retired and about twelve Oclock
when I went to dinner Irwin was two to one over Forbes
but when I came back he was only 6 ahead and
Forbes gaining all the time Superhuman efforts were put
forth by Forbes Friends and Irwin was finally
defeated by Seven votes the Councillors being Conroy
Forbes and Brown

Third Ward went into the fight with great vigour
and Thorborn was kept behind Marantette until about
half past three when he finally got up and ahead
leaving Marantette behind 8 votes and Langlois
leaving Johnson leading by some 20 votes It closed
by Johnson Thorborn and ~~Marantette~~ Langlois being the
Councillors

An attempt was made by Irwin and Cowan to get Marantette
Mayor but it would not work and Dougall was elected
So ends the Election Shepley was Reeve only 10 votes against him

Mr Hurst last night during Divine Service had his coat gown
Muffler & Gauntlets stolen the Thief was found and sent to [illegible] today

Compelled attend Prayer meeting this evening

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1867.

To day weather was very good but hard and frosty although clear

People are all talking over the Election the Successful Candidates felicitating themselves on the desperate fight they made and Some were chopfallen at being defeated especially poor Irvin

Last night we had a Session meeting at which I was made presbytery Elder again and Mr Kemp took my Commission up with him today

No Police business of any moment today I hear they are examining every woman that crosses the river now Mrs Ann the female Searcher does it and Friends or foes are all Searched alike Canadians and all our United States Friends are certainly getting on fast in the paths of despotism our Canadian friends would not Submit to it

I took charge of the prayer meeting tonight in Mr Kemps absence we had a very fair meeting in every sense of the word I did not feel myself so well at home as I might have been but the fact is I have no time to study the thing up

Charles Dole left me a Small pig yesterday of 152 lbs

Quite a number of

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1867.

To day there was a slight skimming of snow had fallen during the night but of little consequence

In the morning Alex Marantette came in and told me about some of his sheep being worried by a dog and I went with him and we traced the dog to Doctor Sumners door and we felt quite certain from all the information we could get that he was the dog so we left it in that way

Marantette was elected School Trustee in the ~~First~~ Third ward without opposition and Kennedy in the Second but Arundel brought out Richards against Tuck in the ~~Third~~ First at the close of the poll Richards was Four and Tuck 19 which will necessitate the opening again tomorrow Richards was brought out on the no new school ticket and was therefore defeated. Our little friend Irwin was anxious to have Conway into the Board of School Trustees why I do not know ~~why~~ but if he had a Protestant would have displaced the Frenchman in the upper ward

We had a meeting of the Council tonight at which a lot of swindling Doctors bills were put through but things will have to go different. The Market By Law was introduced and some sharp words were passed between the Mayor and Mr Shipley Shipley thinking that the Market Committee had been slighted, the second reading was postponed until Monday next

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1867.

To day the weather was good but frosty and bare

The School Trustee Election resulted in the Election of Mr Tuck by the same vote as Yesterday no votes being polled to day

There was not much doing to day

I was busy all day in making up my minutes and making out my Warrants for the accounts passed last night

I got rather a characteristic letter today from Mr Brown commenting on the want of moral courage in the Members for the First Ward in their being ~~being~~ unable to resist such outrageous Bills as Dr Donelly's of last night

We had a good meeting in the Church tonight the subject was the prayers for brethren in distress and especially those suffering from late war and our Brethren Lately emancipated from Slavery I made a few remarks but I was not happy in doing so by any means at least I was not pleased with myself

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1867.

To day the weather was about the same as usual only getting very cold towards night

I finished all my work up about [illegible] this forenoon and sent the books to be signed with Lange

I went across the river this afternoon and bought two little books one called Watts Logic and Seall's Physician for the Sick room for which I paid 85 cents American money we expected to be searched when we went over but they did not say anything to us but allowed us to pass on

But all the Ladies were taken up and examined so at least it was said I understand Mrs Lubble was shamefully used had her clothes all turned up about her head altogether

In the Evening we had a most excellent Meeting at the Church the subject was Colleges and Schools &c Mr Sloan gave us an admirable address in which he showed that the young man at College ought to be object of anxious solicitude the object of our Prayers and of our best endeavours to raise them above temptation by instilling right principles into them Mr Mackadin gave a short sketch of our Sabbath School in Windsor as also Dan Ivory In which I joined a few words.

Madam Pestony was in Detroit to night

Mrs William Grant that used to live in Windsor. died today at Preston Mr Burch got Telegraph

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold in the morning the Thermometer stood at Zero this morning and it was a kind of hoar frost I was not so busy to day What I did to day was to write some seven or eight letters in answer to school teachers applications for Edmund School we having appointed Williams on ~~Monday~~ Thursday last saw one of them to day in the person of Shadd who received his letter into his own hand

In the afternoon I wrote a note to Chewett and Company about part II of Municipal Manual

I carried in a cord of wood from the street into the stable and then sawed my Sunday wood

Then we went to Church and had a fair meeting the subject was the Universal Church of Christ and we separated this evening well pleased with our week of prayer

There has been no English mail this week at all

It Commenced snowing quite hard to ~~day~~ night it looks like a snow storm

This morning when we got up we had a regular snow storm it had fallen during the night some 6 or 8 inches nothing was added during the day tempt slightly moist and very slippery good sleighing

Mr Thrupp preached in the morning from the words knowing the terrors of the law we persuade men. It was a sermon of terrors presumably but very fair indeed

Mr Blackader being unwell I did not go out this afternoon we had a fair Sunday School meeting about 40 children

In the afternoon I read a few interesting articles on the early introduction of Christianity into the Island of Great Britain. I was not aware that there was so much uncertainty hanging over that event as there appears to be indeed it would seem that it is not known who it was that did it at all although it is pretty certain it was in about the end of the first century

In the evening Mr Thrupp gave us a capital speech on the unity of the church keeping the unity of the Spirit I have not heard him deliver a better for sometime. he was especially severe on those that tried with their dry logical deductions to define what we are to believe that sort of thing has been a curse to the church and a very great loss

James Bell came home tonight from the settlement whither he had gone to see aunt Catherine with I suppose mother Mamma along with him he says she is thin and worn and on this the [illegible]

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1867.

To day the weather was pretty cold but still holding on wonderfully even kind of weather
There is no news of any importance that I hear of farther than that Mr Thomas has instituted proceedings against Cunninghame in which I think he will fail entirely from all appearances the thing was conducted fairly enough
Made out informations against parties today a one named A Ayshman for stealing a coat out of Charles Devlin and another man by the name of Alfred Colsby for going into Shelby's Saloon through the floor and stealing a money box and some money with other securities worth some where near $800 so says Shelby
Sum Port started in pursuit today at 3 oclock,
We had a long sederunt of the Council tonight on the Market By Law
They got through a good deal of it but were unable to get through the whole so they rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again
It commenced snowing heavily tonight again when we came from the Council it was snowing very thick
Had a fuss with the Blacks about School house today but they finally gave way and let us in

TUSEDAY, JANUARY 15, 1867.

This morning we had at least four inches additional snow and the weather quite hard

I was busy today all day copying proceedings of Council into large book the minutes I have all copied up to the present year, or rather 1866

In the evening another long sitting of the council was held in which the Market By Law was finally got through committee and the council then adjourned until tomorrow evening at the usual hour

A Lecture on Music was given by a man named Hubble in the Town Hall this evening they say he is only a humbug and not worth the attending to. He wants to make a piece of bread

I see by the Globe tonight that His Manpeace is no man that it had been written under an assumed name and that there is no such man as any Englishman who wrote against McGee he has dispatched a special messenger to Montreal to see about the Englishman and drag him to light

I see by the Globe that a most disgraceful row had taken place in the New York Common Council pitching ink stands and drawing pistols on each other the President was dobbed all over with ink

Sam Post came back today with the boat an boards stolen from Dublin but not the men they hold them in Chatham for stealing

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1867.

To day the weather was mild all
day but towards night it began to snow
slightly and then at about nine oclock
the wind chopped round from the South East
to the North East blowing a regular
gale and will evidently be cold in the
morning

I was busy copying my minutes to day
all day and in fact have been all the week
No news of any importance heard that Mrs
Wallace and Bob Thompson was married
last night she is only 16 years older than
him but a fascinating woman

Some faint grumblings are heard
here and there that indicate that matters
are not all square on the School Question
with the Roman Catholics in Confederation

As I was going up the length of my
Brother James's House this evening I found
that their two sons James & George had
had a pitched battle and a regular fight
a Dutchman told me that George had
the best of it he got James down George
would not tell me anything about the
affair he just said he had had a
Scrimmage the whole affair is disgraceful

We had another Council meeting to
night to finish up the work of the
Council which was done but the
adjourned until Saturday night to
settle with contractors of Market.

The Meeting at the Church was adjourned
until Monday evening next as Gladstone

To day the cold was very intense especially in the forenoon it moderated a little in the afternoon

We sent little Ruby to school to day and I paid back the $16 into Suttons hands (which has been [illegible] as part of my fine

A man by the name of Whitson a coloured man was sent to jail today for thirty days for stealing some chickens from Burns and also some venison

The rest of the day I was busy with the Council proceedings

We were informed this morning that last night Catherine Ruddaman was not expected to see the morning she was very bad and her feet had been swelling (poor woman I am afraid it is only a question of a few days with her for dear life

Helen feels very bad on account of it and can scarcely get over it

The Ice has bound up the river the Ferry Boats to day are scarcely able to make trips and they stick fast on the ice often

There is no news of any importance in the States they seem to be very [illegible] of one anothers proceedings the Supreme Court has decided that the Test Oath of Missouri is unconstitutional which will have the effect of letting loose a lot of the Rebs on them

Our children have all the cold at present Annie and Lizzy are at School commenced going this week

FRIDAY JANUARY 18 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold and chilly we could scarcely keep ourselves warm.

I went to Sandwich in the forenoon to settle some affairs with the Treasurer & saw the amount at which the Sheriff ~~Treasurer~~ was behind to the County on account of Windsor if I were in such a position as that man I should be ashamed of myself I also ascertained what amount of back taxes was on Charles Baby's Lots and some other Lots who were included in the list of back taxes

The sleighing was very good considering the winds that we have had but some part of the track was bare with very little depth of snow on it

The river was shut up with ice today and the crossing was very poor indeed.

Mr Kemp had to preach himself tonight Mr Griffith could not get across we had a very fair attendance at the church we held a Session Meeting and passed a resolution about the Hymnbook of the U P Church to use it as an addition to our Psalmody

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1867.

This Morning the Frost was intense my Thermometer Stood 8 below Zero Mr Brown told me that it was 17 below Zero last night which is by all odds the coldest of the Season

To day we had a great day at the agricultural Meeting a regular Squabble took hold of the people. I told them that we were determined to have part control of ~~Windsor~~ the Society and to deal with it as it ought to be dealt with and that further more we wanted the Fair in Windsor Henry Botsford was very wrathy and made a long Speech defending Amherstburgh against all the illiberal aspersions cast upon it by me However I replied to Mr Botsford about the affair pretty effectively and showed that our Friend Botsford was in error in some of our Statements

We got five directors from Windsor and Maidstone and then we have Mallott and Wylie who are in our favour I think but then they have got the President at Colchester

To night we had the last Meeting of the old Council ~~in the~~ we Squared up every thing as far as I could see and ordered the payment of all accounts as far as they could go

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1867.

To day the weather has changed a little the wind turned round to the East and blowing pretty strong and the ~~wind~~ thermometer was at zero during the night ~~now it~~ In the afternoon it came on a regular snow storm and drifted considerably

Mr Kemp preached very well from the words the Spirit and the bride say come and let him that heareth say come and let him that is athirst come and whosoever will let him ~~come and~~ take of the water of life freely A splendid sermon of great power and freedom. Then over 62 sat down to the table, and we had a very good address I did not go out in the afternoon as it was snowing and disagreeable

In the evening we had a very good sermon on the words to live is Christ I think that was the text he bore hard upon the man that did everything for gain and nothing else And he also spoke strongly against everything of that sort

We thought the church was to be uncomfortable at one time but it got clear of the smoke and got nice and warm

To day the weather was more moderate and there was little snowing just a little in the afternoon the cold was not so intense as yesterday

We had the meeting of the Council to day at noon and they were all sworn in and strange to say at the balloting for who should retire the three catholics were the ones that drew the one year

Mooney, Conway and Langlois

Then Forbes and Thorburn next and Wallington Brown and Johnston next. There was a strange vote at the appointment of Auditors when McCrae was upset by R A Whyte a man who lives out of the Municipality who does not pay a tax upset a man who is an old citizen I think the thing is decidedly in bad taste

Conway was appointed Charity man altogether and he will certainly have a peck of troubles.

I wrote out all the Declarations of Qualification and office this forenoon and the Certificates of the Reeves in the afternoon

I recd a very good letter from a general Writer against Stephens the Freeman to night wherein he shows up Stephens in rather an unenviable position

We had a meeting to night for the Election of Officers for Church Matters

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1867.

To day the weather was Moderate And freezing wind some slight flakes of Snow but no thawing process going on at all

County Council met to day and had a long tussel over the wardenships when this evening it was finally carried that George Shepley should be warden over Satiste

Poor Catherine Readdimen died yesterday at four oclock leaving a large family of ~~twelve~~ ten children to mourn her loss as also a faithful husband Adam feels the blow very bad and is really tempest under the weather I am very sorry poor creature she will be missed from her family

Quite a number of poor people were supplied today and Conway thinks he is in a fork of troubles Amongst them D B Cameron has declined the auditorship and Dougall will appoint Blackadder to that post

Our House tonight is the House of mourning as much as if one of the family had just taken away None of the girls went to the Methodist Social

Brown wants to oust Wellington out of the Councilship he is quite bitter on the matter

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1867.

To day the weather was moderately cold and cloudy the wind from the North west

To day we sent two young scamps to Jail as vagrants and took an information against Bloomfield for converting to his own use and benefit articles that had been given him to sell as agent

I also made out an information against One Daniel Nevills for stealing things such as cigars and books from Lewis they got a few books with Lewis mark on them but which had been bought sometime ago Nevil is Masons Son-in-Law

I balanced my books up today and found my money a little to the good

Our Charities are becoming very onerous indeed $25. will not suffice this week according to appearance

I wrote an account of the meeting of the Agl Society to the Record today

I also inserted a notice of the death of Aunt Catharine in the paper today

Prayer meeting tonight. and Mr Kemp is off to see Father Chinnery tonight by the late train on Michigan Central

No news of any importance tonight our folks have got colds &

Ma feels under the weather about Aunt Catharine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1867.

To day the weather was very moderate but not enough to thaw the roads

We that is James Billy Mercy & Lucy all started with a double sleigh for the funeral we met James Cheyne at the otherside and we took him up to Mrs Fisks with us and Mercy got in with him and we took in Mrs Fisk got out there to Wm Ruddimans a little before twelve Oclock we found them all mourning the loss of the mother of a large family the poor girls were scarcely able to stand up against their loss Helen was very bad and fainted I believe several times we started from the house at a 1/4 past one with the funeral and what with a long sermon and other matters we were kept there untill four Oclock in the afternoon the funeral was a very large one and all the people could not enter the Church together the minister who was a Baptist preached from the words which had been left by the deceased "The Spirit and the Bride say come" &c &c the sermon was a long rambling one and very tiresome to the people at least it was so to me

I could not get Mrs Fisk back with us again as Mrs Cheyne seemed pouty about James taking home any one but herself so I left Mrs Fisk and we started exactly at four from the School House and landed at the dock in one hour we got home all right and well

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1867.

To day there was a great change in the weather, it rained and snowed and froze and thawed almost the entire day. then at night the wind stopped, round from the east and commenced blowing heavy from the west and freezing a little

The case of Revd Masons son-in law for stealing books and cigars from the cars was up to day but the evidence was insufficient as none of the books could be sworn to by either Innis or his employees and there was no cigars found so the man was discharged the fact is he had picked up the books in the cars after the passengers had left the cars in fact a thing that any body would have done

The case of Bloomfield was up and no statute could be found applicable to the case so after a little sparing on the matter the case was discharged and Bloomfield threatening dire vengeance against Brunton

A man from the steamer Union was fined $4 and costs for assault & battery on another man. both Irishmen

The Maitland distillery case has been decided bringing in Halliday $48 787 for unpaid excise duties he seems to be a great scoundrel Halliday

We had a small meeting for the practice of music to ~~day~~ night but we did it pretty well and had an hours good practice

Helen was rather unwell with a cough last night but she is better to day I think she tried the sheet pack to day

To day the weather was much colder the wind from the west and blowing a gale the whole day
I was not so very busy today we sent a woman to Gaol for being drunk
The County Council broke up today their deliberations were not of much value this time merely routine
Mr Mc Gowen and I went across the river today and dined at Dr Gilberts there was a little Canadian party consisting of Mr Bixby and a Mr Phelps who is to preach missionary sermons I dont think he will set the world on fire that is Phelps Mr Fisk & Mrs Fisk was there as also Mrs Sullivan
After dinner and a chat of an hour Mr Mc Gowen and I went up to Mr Fisk (Elizabeth Springs husband) & Mr Fisher Mrs Spring and Mrs Blair we had a short chat there with the women folks and Mr Fisk was busily engaged with an elocution teacher at the time so we only saw him once as we went in and once as we went out
We came home all right although there was a good deal of floating ice on this side of the river
Saw a racy correspondence between Gazette and Bright which gives Bright the sell over Gazette at a great rate
Black Foundling Baby died today

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1867.

To day the wind cold and bleak from the west with considerable frost

We had Mr Hayette preaching for us to day the forenoon sermon was not much sympathy on the sufferings of Christ I often think that these subjects are unprofitable but after all they please some people very well and are just the thing to suit them

In the evening he preached upon unbelief and the making God a liar a very fair sermon indeed and one calculated to do good I think the evening was so inclement that few come out and Mr Keeps being away they thought they might stay a little at present

I was favored this afternoon with a visit from Mr Thomas it was principally on religious topics our conversation turned he is a man with considerable thought about him but a little quirky on the question of Baptism

I read a little of the life of Robertson the Brighton curate he seems to have been a remarkable man taking him altogether at one time Evangelical as it is called and the next time Broad Church But of his opinion more anon

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 1867.

To day the weather was pretty cold all day and towards night it came down to zero or nearly to that

We had only one case of drunkenness to day and the man was let go to his family in Detroit

I was busy the rest of the day in making out returns the one to the County Clerk and the other to the Government on Debentures and I mailed them in the afternoon at Four oclock and then went home and sawed wood the rest of the afternoon

I read a very able speech by Mr Morrill the Chairman of the Ways and Means in Congress on the resumption of specie payments he showed that the Nation of Great Britain with not one fourth of the paper money of the United States conducted a much greater business than it and that it was sheer humbug to say that they needed so much paper money taking it altogether it was an exceedingly able speech in every way. The rest of the evening I read Froudes History of England.

No news of any importance the most of the Fenians are all tried very nearly

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1867.

To day the weather has been intensely cold all day and this morning it was four or five below zero this evening before retiring to rest it was 40 below zero and a clear sky

To day we had some of the cases before which are a shame, namely abandoned women the two Loppys

A Yankee deserter was sent to jail to the Quarter Sessions for misappropriating the money and chattels of his master, a man from Anderdon

Dr Casgrain is bringing up Dr Hicks for practising without a License I think he had better let it alone

I saw this morning that Prince Alfred had been offered by James Gordon Bennett the younger a present of the yacht Henrietta but it was respectfully declined.

I read the discussion between Professor Blackie and Ernest Jones on Democracy altogether I think unworthy of either of them in fact Blackie seems to be a sort of Knight errant running full tilt against windmills like Don Quixote

I read a good bit from Froude's England especially that part regarding the Rebellion in Ireland under Henry VIII. Henry seems to have acted very leniently towards the Irish and especially the Geraldines or rather the Fitzgeralds of Kildare but they Irish were a troublesome set even before Church of England or Protestant times

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1867.

To day the weather was intensely cold
in the Morning I understand it was
20° below zero the coldest we have had
it here for sometime the Frost was a
White Frost betokening change it commenced
snowing a little at night

We sent the two Lopez to Gaol today for
being drunk

Mrs Barton was fined and allowed
off on condition that she clear out with
her children

Jacob Brown was a little crusty on
the Irish woman Barton

A shoemaker named Mr. Fadden
made a complaint today against Miss
Williams for maltreating his children
and he says that the dissatisfaction is
almost universal

I read a good bit this evening
from Froude's History of England
they were rather ticklish at the time
the Reformation took place as the
monks did not like changing allegiance
from ~~Henry~~ the Pope to Henry

We had Prayer Meeting this
evening at which I had to lead in
Kemp's being away at Kankakee
seeing Father Chiniquy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1867.

To day the Morning was a little Frosty but towards Noon it commenced to thaw and at Bedtime it was thawing very fast with the Wind from the west and ~~[illegible]~~ a light drizzling rain

No cases before Police Court to day

I was busy the entire day in arranging my papers and clearing out my boxes

No news of any importance to day

Adie complained a good deal to night all her old symptoms threatened her so at least she said. perhaps it was owing to the thaw

I read a great deal in Froude's History to day I was especially busy among the trial of Sir Thomas More and the Bishop of Rochester both of which were executed because they would not take the oath of fealty to the King being the head of the Church, More was willing to hold his allegiance to the Crown but not willing to take his obligation that Henry was the head of the Church of England. The Carthusian Monks were also put to death very unjustly in my opinion their firm demeanor and their very pious behavior was certainly much in their favor. Pope Clement being dead Paul the III was more favorable to England but even he could not go back from his predecessor's doings and his appointment of Fisher to a Cardinal's Hat enraged Henry more and more

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1867.

To day the weather was very Mild and although the wind turned round to the North it did not cease thawing until the Sun went down when it got clear and went frost again -

No Police Business to day

But a large Division Court Business. Something like 60 Suits so I heard some were interesting especially the Church folks against Moore but I did not see any new fact elicited than what was before the Magistrate when the Sweet Grapes case came out. There was rather a good one between ~~against~~ Campbell and White but Campbell knocked White higher than a Kite on the law

I read a good deal this evening out of Froude's History of England the trial and death of Ann Boleyn was rather a melancholy affair but she seems to have been a lustful creature and lewd in her ways indeed her own half brother seems to have had connection with her so it is said at least and Froude takes the part of Henry by showing that her own Father sat as Judge on those that were convicted ~~her~~, for intercourse with her and gave unanimous verdicts against her Henry does not appear much in the affair at all the evidence seems very direct and very much to the point and the indictment also.

No Singing meeting this evening I was just as well pleased that there was none as I was thereby allowed to continue my historical studies.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1867.

To day there was a great change in the weather ~~and~~ in the morning a strong wind from the East and about 11 oclock it commenced to rain sleet and snow at intervals the entire day until every exposed thing had a coating of ~~snow~~ ice on it

We sent one man to Gaol from Petite Cote for stealing a cap he was sent for two months a poor miserable drunken thing he was

Laurie permitted Richmond to make a foul attack on me to day one of the meanest attacks to which I was ever subjected by any body and I told Laurie so he said I could reply but I told him he was totally beneath my notice altogether every one that saw it said it was a dastardly mean affair. I read a good deal in Froude especially the extraordinary letter to Henry of Reginald Pole a most extraordinary production as I ever remember upon reading and one which betrays designs of Catholicism better than anything that could be produced but it failed to move Henry in any way and left him master of the situation

Saw by the Free Press a story about the Loss of a Frenchman and his Family while crossing the ice below Sandwich 4 persons but we have heard nothing to day about it on this side so it may be all a humbug. Mr Kemp got back yesterday from Kankakee and gives a flattering picture of Father Chiniquy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1867.

To day it snowed part of the day wind due west and freezing slightly but the trees are all coated with ice and the sides of houses droped there about 4 inches of snow on the ground

Mr Kemp was hoarse to day from cold he preached from the words "the Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness &c" He preached a very good sermon indeed and delivered it with a good deal of vigour the roads being bad there were not many at church

Sabbath school well attended to day 43 children and rather interesting it was

In the afternoon I wrote a letter of sympathy to William Reddinger and dispatched it with James Cheyne

In the evening Mr Kemp preached from the words "After this I looked and behold a door was opened in heaven" a good sermon and he threw the invitation wide to all who would come. Helen was down at church to day and I think she is getting along very well indeed.

Allie is poorly and has a heavy cold we sponged him off to supper which cooled him a little. I read a piece of the life of Robertson a remarkable man but somewhat flighty in his opinions so are all our opinions the opinions of yesterday have often to give way to the opinions of to day

To day the weather was still cool but not freezing very hard the sleighing was really very good indeed and it was snowing considerably tonight

I was busy all day to day with matters in the office we have scarcely any police business at present

I was informed this evening that Mc Mickenso folks are in trouble and that they are that they have had to ask an extension of time on their paper I understand that they have some man down in Montreal trying to arrange the matter with them

Several to day expressed themselves at the disgusting way I was alluded to by that fellow [illegible] he seems a miserable blot of a fellow but I shall not reply to him

To night we had a meeting of the Council and quite a meeting we had the standing committees were appointed and various other resolutions of more or less importance were passed Dougall made quite a lot to against the market and was backed up by Worthington and some others but [illegible] finally ~~[illegible]~~ for them to pass a vote of $100 to fix up the stalls

I was very ill all day to day from sick headache I was very sick this evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1867.

To day the weather was mild all day and inclined to be a little soft and thus lost part of the coating of the ice Some snow at night

To day I was busy with my minutes this forenoon as well as getting ready my papers for the coming when we are to have a meeting on the Market matters to night I copied some of the Market By Laws to day and will continue the balance to morrow

A man was brought in to day from the country for stealing a Quilt from a coloured man named Hunt he will be tried to morrow

The market committee met tonight and passed a Resolution to build the stalls as they cannot be done it appears at a less cost considerable opposition was manifested by Mr Shobourn Shipley gave him fits over the matter

The Methodists held their Social in the Hall to night and it was one of the nicest parties I have seen for a long time and I think it is just the kind of thing to be popular the girls went out and Miss Williams stayed with Ma

To day it was a beautiful day the latter day slightly freezing in the shade but thawing in the sun

Mrs Baxter ~~[illegible]~~ was taken down to Mrs Fisk's to day by Doctor Gilbert at my request. And Aunty Betsy and Aunt Margaret and I followed about two O'Clock we had a very pleasant party indeed a great deal of old talk and a good deal of lively humour was indulged in. I think Fisk is considerable of a Yankee he would like Canada annexed to the United States he thinks that we would be a great deal better if we were. We came away from there about five O'Clock and rode down in a street car and got home nicely pleased with our trip and pleased with our visit

We had a meeting of the Board of School Trustees this evening at which they gave me an additional $36 of a salary namely $50. James Noble gave me an awful scolding about appointing Williams as teacher of the Coloured School we carried our motion confirming the appointment. Christy Baxter was appointed teacher of the Branch School much to my astonishment and I have no doubt Miss Williams disappointment

Heard to night that Suttons Father in Law Bruce was a dying

To day the weather was mild although the sleighing did not go away very fast

I wrote out my Minutes to day ready for the press and I read over the By Law with Laurie and corrected as much of the By Law as possible

I forgot to mention that we sent a a black fellow to gaol yesterday for stealing a blanket for two months

I also forgot to mention that we had the whole of the Queen's Speech yesterday morning as it was delivered the day before by her in Parliament the speech is a very good one and if the Derby ministry accomplish one half of their programme they will much distress and suffering are to be found amongst the lower orders of England at present 20000 and labourers are starving

We had a meeting of the Police Committee to day and such a gabble I never heard in my life as Worthington and Forbes they monopolised the whole matter between themselves and did all the business which amounted to nothing

Poor old Burge died to day or rather this morning early he was aged seventy seven so I understand he is to buried tomorrow

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1867.

To day has been one of the mildest days of the Season in fact I did without a great coat the most of the day and the streets were full of slush

I corrected a lot press matter to day for Laurie chiefly on business of School board and Committee proceedings.

We fined Jack Hanrahan and a bar tender of Shirley's to day for an assault on a darky named Jesse Wise. Shirley paid for Jack I suppose he wants him as a witness tomorrow he having taken up the darkey for breaking the door [illegible] and fees amounted to $14 for the Corporation

Saw Mrs Spinning's daughter Mrs Chase she was going home this evening to New York State I met her at the Cars

We had a nice Singing meeting to night there were not so many present but we had a good time of it ~~Mary~~ Cunningham came up and was a host in himself

The old man Fry was buried to day there was a large funeral

I have not been able to read much of Froude this week in fact every night has been more or less occupied and in my opinion occupied very unprofitably

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1867.

To day we had quite a change from yesterday when I got up in the morning it was snowing from the North regular small dusty like snow and continued on that way until night then it quit and went to freezing again intensely

We had the case of Shirley against Wise to day for breaking the door he was adjudged to pay $5 for the door which he got justice Tuesday to do

Shirley told me to day he was going to get married I suppose~~d~~ to that curly haired girl Hastings

Lissy was quite unwell to day all day with bilious headache and fever towards night

No news of any moment I was not in a good mood for reading which I read a bit of Froudes History of England on the Statute of Uses and the Insurrection in Lincoln against the monastery commissioners

Quite a reaction in favour of popery took place and was very threatening for a time

The poor old Pope it appears is as intolerant as ever he has cast out the Presbyterian and American churches out of Rome

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1867.

This morning it was intensely cold some two below Zero when I got up and blowing considerable of a breeze from the west and kept pretty cold all day

Mr Mitchell in Mr Kemps absence preached this forenoon on Special Providence from the words of our Saviour about the Sparrows a very fair sermon indeed the congregation was thin on account of the cold

Our Sabbath School was also thin from the same cause

Mr Ripley preached in the Evening on the Loss of the Soul a very fair sermon considering but rather full of the torments of the other world which we are not used to he said he had preached it before to his own people

Lisy is no better she is quite feverish tonight and although Ma sponged her yet I believe she is fevered a good deal I am in hopes she may be better in the morning

I have read a good deal in Robertsons life and letters to night and I must say he was one of the strangest of mortals but evidently intensely in earnest all his days

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1867.

To day there was quite a cold snap but it changed considerably during the day and got soft

Barbara was very ill to day but we put her into the wet sheet and I think she was the better of it but still the fever runs very high and very much against her still she has all the symptoms of bilious fever the sickness at the stomach the diarrhoea regularly bilious but if I succeed in getting her through without medicine so much the better

No news of any importance further than that I have to record

Our Police business is slightly on the increase Mr Thomas of Anglesey and Mr Cunningham of the same place had quite a time to day about the election of Cunningham which from all I saw must fail in every particular as no corporation can cease and if this ceased it would be tantamount to the corporation failing

I read occasionally a bit of Froude it is a very able and elaborate work but I would not be able to digest such an elaborate affair about every kings reign as he is about Henry however Henry had his troubles and vexations

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1867.

To day it was a regular thaw the weather was very mild and it was very sloppy all day

I got (some letters from Miss Bigg about the School in Colchester to day but I wrote her under no account to come up to see about it as it was no use spending money in the matter the School had been offered to a gentleman in Brantford

We had no Police business of any moment to day.

I went to work at the School account and I got a letter from the Department hurrying us about the affair. but the Mes Lewis are slow

I read a little more in Froude to day but did not make much progress I ordered George Grant to get me the other four volumes.

Barbara was not much better to day although I think she was some better and her pulse was reduced a little she got the bark to day and there is no doubt it helped her considerably

Got no Globe to night the train was very late

We had a Tract Society's Meeting to night but the Church was cold and we were uncomfortable

To day it was a regular day of rain throughout the entire day and a more disagreeable day I scarcely remember

I saw Mr Kemp to day he told me that matters were assuming a formidable aspect about his letter on the state of the Church the whole affair is creating quite a stir among the people

I made out some informations to day about parties Rusty making an information about his wife being drunk and we issued ~~his~~ a summons to have him appear tomorrow at ten oclock.

In the evening we had an excellent Missionary Meeting quite a number came out notwithstanding the bad night Mr Kemp spoke very well about the Chinguacousy Settlement and also about the wants of the people of Canada

We made a subscription of about $27 for the Missionary purposes

Rusty spoke very well indeed and in fact made the speech of the evening

The County Mail had two curious judgments on Marriage License and Lord Earnest Vane

To day it was a very good day Considering except being a little damp and moist but ~~the~~ toward night it froze a little

We had a regular field day in the Police Court to day Mrs Ruby was sent to gaol for 21 days as also a miserable woman by the name of Jones

Then we had our standing friend Jack Hannahan who assaulted one of the Great Western Railway Constables and he was sent to gaol for ninety days so that we will be clear of him for sometime

To day I went across the river and a little perambulation among the bookstores and found a number of excellent works that I could get very cheap and very reasonable

I found that I could get Froude for $8 instead of Ten as I will have to pay Lang Grant for it

To night I read a great deal in Froude and was quite pleased with some of the descriptions given

I was astonished that we got Miss Biff in the house when I came home country Op and got the School at Colchester

Barbara was a little better tonight

Soiree at Amherstburgh tonight in honor of Mr Mrs Desmonds induction to day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1867.

To day the weather was bad it rained and froze a little and then it came on quite a drizzling rain.

No Police business today of any moment.

I received a circular from Sabbath School Convention of Canada today and I despatched them to Mr Boatsworth of Gosfield and Mr Wigfield of Mersea and Mr McDiarmid at Amherstburgh.

And put one into the Record and some other little paragraphs. No news of any importance today further than there is a Fenian Rebellion in Ireland so it is said but folks say it will be literally stamped out if it begins.

Barbara is still slightly improving I think but considerably spoiled however we keep it down the best we can.

We had a very good practice of music tonight in the church but I miss Barbara very much she is the best singer in the church almost.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1867.

To day the weather was better there was a tremendous wind from the west all day and the water was very low in the river Some vessels was afraid to run

We had no Police business to day of any moment at all

We settled the colored School we gave Miss Begg the Teachership and she will take all the girls under her charge she gets at the rate of $250 per year

I got a letter from the Bell Company and we sent for Matty Williams to to Toronto and she will go down immediately and take the school on the [illegible] at $20 per month

I salted my pork to day and also the best of Beef I had but I would require more Beef I have not enough by a long sight

Amusement of yesterday pretty nearly to day that part of it relating a two sheep [illegible] lying in culvert it is said a colored [illegible] wrote for men was about Killarney

Not other news of any moment Barbara is still slowly improving I think but her mouth is very sore from fever and her breath is very bad

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1867.

To day was the most beautiful Sabbath we have had since the second of ~~February~~ December

We had a very full church in the morning and Mr Kemp preached very well indeed from the words of St Paul to Timothy "Fight the good fight of faith" the whole sermon was very good indeed

Our Sabbath School had 48 in it to day and we got along very well I [illegible] got up my lesson to the children pretty well and made it interesting to them about Elisha

Mr Blackadder and I visited 35 Families to day and distributed quite a number of Tracts we got over our ground to day for the first time

In the evening Mr Kemp preached from the words Except ye repent and be converted and become as a little child I think it was something like that whether it was that or not I am scarcely sure he preached a fair sermon

Barbara still improves slowly I think but not very fast

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1867.

To day the day was beautiful and mild
but it threatened change at night
and was clouded a little
We had one case in the Police Court
to day I wrote out the Report of the
Police Committee and the Market
Committee
We had a meeting of the Council
to night and we had 20 License
Petitions presented and all were referred
to the License Committee a good
deal of discussion was held on the
Police Committees Report part of which
was referred back to them for amendment
To day the cable news says that
the Fenian news does not amount
to any thing that the whole affair is
a perfect bugbear and that every one
is scattered and only one man wounded
who was ~~carrier~~ carrying despatches
Barbara is much better to day
and I think is in a fair way of recovery
I hope she may and that we may
have a good success with the water cure
from all appearances I think it will be
right I often wish that I could
be able to so implicitly rely on the ways
of Providence as to be able to say amid
all my trials it is thy will oh Lord
do what seemeth good in thy sight

To day the weather was quite a change from yesterday the wind east and blowing a gale at night it commenced snowing and there was quite a snow storm.

I was busy today writing up my minutes

We had no police work today except some informations

It was a very disagreeable day and one utterly unbearable from people walking about nevertheless Helen went out collecting for a gown for the minister

The Methodists held their Soiree in the Town Hall tonight but none of us went out the night was so bad.

I read the evening mail especially a review of Lord Russels Life of Fox The review is unfavorable and unfair both to Lord Russel and Fox and evidently written by one who is at least a Tory and very illiberal

I read also a critique or lecture by Goldwin Smith on the Life of Cromwell quite an excellent paper the of great men but I would like to see a full report

James Bell came back yesterday from Colchester whither he had went on Saturday

To day the weather was a little cool but the storm had abated during the night and we had it moderate all day

We had a full Police Court to day we convicted one woman of assault and Battery and another Prisoner we sent to Gaol for Stealing out and breaking open Bangor Eds Dwelling he Stole $7.50 American money he was sent for ninety days he seemed to me to be a great scoundrel

I was puzzled a good deal to day among By Laws both - I am of opinion - our License By Law and Market By Law are bad will require amending and we cannot issue our licenses without our appointment of a License Inspector

We were to have a Session Meeting to night but did

We had a few people especially Mr Lutes family at tea tonight and Mrs Cheyne and Mrs Forbes

Green the Shoemaker at Sandwich poisoned himself to day by taking strychnine he had been on a spree for some days and doubtless had been in the horrors when he took the strychnine he bought it of a young English at Sandwich who keeps a drug store

To day the weather was cold and stormy it threatened snow in the forenoon but there did not much come

We sold the Market fees and Market stalls today and sold them exceedingly well beyond the most sanguine expectations the whole amounted to $753 for the ensuing quarters of the year which is certainly doing very well indeed

I then went across the River to get a man to come and fix up the scales I had a good deal of difficulty to get one but finally got one who will be over in the morning

I also had a good deal today about a License By Law and I think we shall have to pass a new one

We were at Lukes to supper at tea and there was quite a party of us there it was really a nice affair our Cousins of the Great Chesterry was there as also a Brother in Law of his who is a great singer I scarcely ever heard a stronger voice

Not much of a thaw yet the roads are a little rougher

I was still studying out a License By Law for the corporation they are to meet on Monday and I begun by drawing it out to day

I also got the man over to fix up the scales and he took them over the river with him to clean them up and got hands at work digging out the place in the scales

Made out a search warrant against Mat Turner and they got all the twelve bottles of brandy he had stolen from Shirley and then had him in the jug

A great rumour was through the town to day that Mrs McQuarty had hanged herself but whether she has done so or not it is hard to say

Saw by the Globe to night that the confederation was to be called Canada and Canada East Quebec and Canada West Ontario

and there was also a synopsis of the bill in the Globe

had a good practice of singing to night J B Cameron was with us as also a coloured gentleman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1867.

Today it has been thawing more or less all day and it clears a little tonight

Still busy with my By Laws the most of the day

I worked up some other matters as well and got them by I shall in order to undertake my work be obliged to lock my door to keep out stragglers

We examined Nat Turner today and committed him for trial to the Sessions he is a great scamp and will in all likelihood get his deserts

We made out a warrant today against a person who seduced a Miss Murphy and got her with child and got $100 from her to buy the furniture and then went and married another woman he was arrested tonight and locked up

The Judgment in the Cunningham case was on the Record today Of course it was in favor of Cunningham he had no other alternative

I am still reading a little in Froude about the articles of Religion

Barbara is still getting a little better

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1867.

Today the rain had all gone and dried the wind was from the north an freezing slightly all day

Had a good congregation today and a capital sermon on Christ healing the two blind men a first rate sermon

We had a very good Sabbath School to day indeed I think it is improving greatly All went off well

Mr Blackadder and I visited twenty five families we found that Miss Williams had been round reading the Scriptures to them and distributing Tracts which we were glad to hear

Mr Kemp preached very well in the evening from the Israelites worshipping the Golden Calf When Moses called upon them that were on the Lords side to come out

Ellen and I were at Uncle James Wallis to ~~day~~ supper at tea before church and a good tea we got

Read Dr Pattersons of Chicago's speech on the Psalmody of the U P Church of the States and his leaving the Church for another one

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1867.

To day the weather was pretty cold but evidently going to thaw

I was busy to day all day in getting up my By Law for Licenses and got up the By Law and I also wrote out one for the appointment a License Inspector

To day the Globe had the whole Confederation Bill in it it is quite long and a great many provisions in the Bill which are not according to the Quebec Scheme

The Council met to night and passed the License By Law

And also passed a By Law appointing me License Inspector with the distinct understanding that I should have Goodenough as my deputy which I did

The Council did not do anything else but that various rumours were afloat that they are to appoint Goodenough a day constable

Barbara is improving very nicely and very well

Today it was beautiful the entire day

I was busy today in the Police Court for a short time we fined a Dutchman for very drunk and making an assault on Batty and we had a window of his store out of it the wife of the Dutchman made a charge against Batty for wanting to make an assault on his wife of a criminal nature so we issued a summons to Batty to come up to Monday on the charge.

I visited twenty houses of Public entertainment today with Goodenough and we took the capacity of the bedding and stabling attached to each house Some of them were miserable appologies for houses it took us all the afternoon until about five oclock

In the evening we went to the Cheynes I was not at tea but went down afterwards we had a friendly chat and ~~we~~ were a good deal amused about poor Batty and how he would like to get up to Monday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1867.

Today the weather has been beautiful
and fine and sunshiny all day
We had poor Batty up today
all day or at least until when our
client he was committed for
trial to the assizes and bailed
out by Frazer and Shorland
I do not think he will be
convicted but I believe there may
be something in the affair some
people say as much that there is
After the trial we had a
meeting of the License Committee
and I and they determined to
whom licenses should be granted
there was a tug of war between
Mr McQueen and Charles Dowden
To night we had a few girls to
tea and we were surprised by a
couple of cans of oysters from McQueen
I suppose it was on account of
his license
We had a good prayer meeting
this evening Mr McDermott was
present and Mr Mitchell took
Mr Temps place so that we
had really a very good meeting Mr
McDermott made a very good prayer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1867.

To day the weather was not so good as it was yesterday. a kind of nasty drizzly day.

I was busy to day about my market By Law busy copying it off and getting things into shape shape the market committee met to day and ordered the Hall to be cleaned out and so we got it in a fair way I got the little fellows that have the market they completed their bonds to day and had them all upset Mr Shipley said it was all right and so I took the matter as they wanted it

There was no news of any importance to day further than that I received a note from aunt Spruill that she was going to come over today and was prevented from hearing that Lisy was unwell

I saw that the ministry had withdrawn their resolution about reform and are going to proceed by Bill altogether which will be a great deal better between one thing and another there is a great deal of work in my office at present and getting matters to rights

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1867.

To day it was quite damp and miserable and I was sorry to see such a sea of mud

To day it was License day and I took in a good deal of money for License and made out bonds and gave the certificates to the Tavern keepers so that they might get their Licenses all right

In addition to that I had to act as clerk in an extradition case against a man for making counterfeit money or rather uttering money in Detroit Quite a set too between O'Connor and an Irish woman Dennis O Sullivan was the prosecutor

We went that is Shepley and I went across the river and bought four lamps for the market so as to get it well lighted on Saturday night None of the Butchers went into the market to day but they are all going in to morrow

Was at aunt Betsy's to tea came home and had a very good practise of singing in the church

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1867.

Today the weather was much
cooler and blowing and freezing from
the north. quite a disagreeable day
There was no Police business
to day of any importance
I took a large amount of money
to the Bank to day something like
$763 but Mr Grassett accounted
for the balance of $5 against me
however I think it is accounted
for in the $6 Canadian silver.
In the afternoon I went to go
home and wrote a letter at home
but no sooner was I there than
John Wylie came and took me away
and I had to go to the School
with him
Saw Doctor Ormiston to day he
was going to preach for Hogarth and
Mr McCaul was going over to
preach for the Scotch folks to morrow
Helen and I went to see the
market open this evening and it
was really a complete success in
every way all looked very well
and the Butchers had a good show
of meat
A nasty mean attack was
made by King of Toronto in to days
Globe on Mr Kemp which I did
not like
Tremendous stunning letter from D A
McMullen to day against the Sheriff in Record

To day it has been better Cold
all day the wind from the East
and at twelve oclock it Commenced
snowing and snowed all day
Mr Rupp preached a good
sermon in the morning ~~text~~
from the words Come unto
me all ye that labour and
are heavy laden and I will
give you rest take my yoke and
learn of me for I am meek and
lowly of heart a very good sermon
we had a fair Sabbath School
Considering got for the Missionary
$2.70

In the afternoon we had
some singing from a new
hymn book we got from Mr
Rupp

In the evening we got his
lecture on Creation and an able
one it was just a little too long
he read it too we took the
Mosaic view of the work of Creation

heard that Thomas Childers
was dead he has bled to death
from the lungs poor hardened
wretch he has gone to his reward
But a greater debauchee scarcely
ever lived

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1867.

Today the weather was cold and dry wind from the North

Morning News was that Colonial Secretary had resigned on account of Reform & that war had broken out in India but I think it is only a Yankee ruse

Ryan settled with the Murphys to day by giving a mortgage on his place and promising to take the child

I finished my By Laws and got it signed to day so that is all right

Aunt Spence came over to day to stay the most of the week

Thom Whelan not dead as was expected last night but not expected to live to ~~day~~ night

Went to hear Ormiston's lecture to night at the Music Hall quite a crowd being present and the Doctor did very well indeed His lecture was Every body's School master and he hit off the Fashions and foolishness of the day very well he first hit off commercial morality very well indeed and there is no question that part of it hit off the foibles. The Lecture was just a little too long but very good indeed

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1867.

To day the weather was cold but pretty good it was clear and sunshiny the most of the day

The streets were not deep at all but a little thawing

I was busy to day all day in writing up the License By Law

Had a visit in my Office to day ~~but~~ from Dr Ormiston and his wife She seems a quiet creature but the Doctor is intensely talkative.

Saw by to days Telegraph that a change of Ministry in three of the Offices in England had taken place yesterday Duke of Richmond Colonial Secretary and the other changes were mere changes.

We had Mrs Fisk Mr Fisk Mr Kemp Mrs Kemp Mrs Gilbert and [illegible] the Doctor Mr and Mrs Mc Swan and a great discussion took place on amusements especially with regard to operas theatres and such like Dr Gilbert and McSwan were the principal leaders in the discussion and kept at it for a long time

Congress met yesterday and elected Colfax a third time Speaker and Ben Wade Speaker of Senate

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1867.

To day the weather was very cold and very miserable wind east all day I was busy all day copying a By Law the liquor By Law and I got it finished all this afternoon was at Mr Cheyne's at dinner this afternoon only stayed a little while went in and had a chat with Fergus and I gave him considerable of a hit on his exclusiveness and he endeavoured to parry the blow

No cable despatches to day something the matter with the Irish wires

Tate the Barber in Detroit is dead he was a man of considerable ability especially as a linguist

We were at William Butler at tea Mr Brown James and their other halfs were there

We came home and went to Prayer Meeting Mr Kemp gave us an excellent address and he Baptised a child of a brother with Mc Gregor. Aunt Jane was rather well pleased with the whole affair

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1867.

Today there was quite Snow Storm in the morning and kept cold all day but only thawed slightly

I began my Quarter Lessons count today and finished my [illegible]

We have still no cable despatches yet Some Suspicion that the Fenians are at it again but what there is in it we cannot tell Some mention made of bringing men out again but what truth there is in it we cannot tell

We were all at Uncle James Nobles at tea tonight, that is the sisterhood, and brothers-in-law and Aunt Louisa we were all well treated and things went off very pleasantly James was 50 years of age today

Tillman the Furniture man in Detroit is dead he was quite a prominent man in politics by way of a Committee man he died of Inflammation of the lungs

Tom Chilvers is still alive but it is somewhat doubtful whether he will get better or not

Today there was quite a White frost this morning and it was a little mild during the day

I was busy all day making out Convictions for the Sessions

We had no Police business except the remanding of Rose the Counterfeiter until tomorrow

The Fenians have risen again and some of them attacked Drogheda barracks but were repulsed and some of them shot it seems as though the fools would never learn wisdom

Aunt Spence went to Detroit today preparatory to going to Ann Arbor tomorrow

We had a good nights singing tonight quite a number of girls were present but Lissy Walker as usual did not sing was full of some claptrap or another and of course for the rest [illegible] too that was sitting beside her

There is still some talk of Volunteers being called out but what truth there is I don't know

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1867.

To day the weather was good all day and the roads were drying nicely there was considerable frost in the morning

I was busy in the morning writing my returns to the Quarter Sessions the day was from eleven O clock entirely taken up with John Burgess in an extradition case to be taken across the river there is a counterfeiting case which is very bad and very troublesome Obrien as usual exhibited a little of his coarseness in examining a woman

Fenianism appears again to be rampant in Ireland but in every part it appears to be squelched and without any difficulty

Dr Livingstone is dead killed by the Caffres what a pity such an eminent man and one well fitted for the great exploring expeditions he undertook

Artemus Ward (Charles Brown) the American humourist is dead at Southampton in England in some disease he caught while lecturing there

I read Lord Naas speech on the suspension of the Habeas Corpus for Ireland again

And Lord Carnarvon on the Confederation question

To day the weather was moist all the day Rain a little

Mr Kemp preached well on the Morning as usual, he seems to keep up his subjects well the words were Barbarian Scythian bond and free Christ is all and in all

Our Sabbath School was not very full to day on account I suppose of the Rain

In the evening we had a very fine sermon from the temptation of our First parents and their expulsion from Eden thoroughly orthodox [illegible] so tired I and we sang to night new St Anns and St Andrews and they both went off well no stop to them I was nearly getting off at new St Anns but soon took my self again

Annie is quite sick to night and has been vomiting but I think she will soon be well

James Baxter is sick to night

Mr Brown preached to day for the Detroit people

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold and miserable and in the evening we had quite a snow storm from the East

I was busy all day we had the lock up full and we sent a lot of the wretches to gaol

Then we had the extradition case of Davy Rose and he was committed to gaol to await the Governor's decision on the subject the evidence I think was slight but anything will do

The rest of the day I was busy finishing convictions for Sessions

Fenian News subsiding again in Ireland all quiet at present but some are expecting them here

Heard that Mr McMullen had settled satisfactorily with his creditors

Mr Kemp read his paper on on the Church to night in which he made a vigorous protest against Mr Kings figures the paper was an exceedingly able one and we passed two complimentary resolutions relating thereto on the subject Alex Cameron was present and was much interested in the subject

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1867.

Today the weather was very cold wind North and snow on the ground in considerable quantities

very busy today with Sams accounts and with the regular returns of the Sessions. Henry Goodinge made out Sams Bills today

I saw by the papers that Fenianism is again quiet for the moment and that they are scattered in every direction and the govt organizing flying squadrons to hunt them out of their hiding places

Read quite interesting debate on on affairs in the East to report in the times

A movement was made today to bring out Alex Mackenzie for the county for the Parliament of Ontario quite a numerously signed requisition was sent out to him and men of all parties were uniting on him if they get him elected he will work well

Mr Rupso went to Toronto today to see after the publication of his Reply to Mr King he wants to get it into the Globe if possible the day after tomorrow he is an awful persevering fellow

Helen James Jenny and Barbara are at Mr Lucks tonight and I am at home alone

Sent Letters to Lambton Observer Globe and

Christian Herald

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1867.

To day the wind rose to a perfect hurricane from the West and still continuing at the time of writing it is also freezing very hard

All the citizens went to the session to day they passed all Sams accounts so I ~~said~~ heard,

We sent a chap by the name of MacDonald from Hamilton to day ~~and~~ for trying to steal a filly to Hamilton he seemed very penitent he had only one arm

There had been an extraordinary meeting amongst the coloured people last night but Mr. Brown was there and I understand drove them from every point which they took up they are determined not have Miss Bell if they can help it.

Fenianism is again rampant in the States and Roberts is again parading about up and down amongst them getting them up it is squashed at present in Ireland they want to get the States to give them belligerent rights so that they let loose a lot of pirates on the seas a great proposition truly

We had the prayer meeting to night at which I had to preside and Mr Cameron said a few words

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1867.

Today it has been intensely cold all day in fact the roads have not thawed one bit in the sun the river has been shut up with ice and thus maybe is all day I never remember of seeing such cold this season of the year the thermometer was at zero last night

I was busy fitting up with office today and we got him all right

Then I commenced with my copying of the proceedings of the extradition case and when I did a few pages

There was no police work today which was a great blessing

I read an excellent speech tonight in the Mail of Sir Roundell Palmer on law before the English Courts seems to be in an awful mess in fact they are almost blocked up with cases

Also read that Sir Thomas Henry the Chief Police Magistrate of London had sent General Nelson and Lieutenant Brand for trial before a jury Mr Fitzjames Stephens made a most able reply in summing up the case against Nelson and Brand.

Fenianism is still scattered on the Wicklow Mountains and some of the insurgents in a bad state perishing for cold but it is expected that they are not all over yet

Some symptoms of unrest here in the States Thermometer at 11 oclock to night only 6° above zero

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold and miserable but the sun shone out with considerable brilliancy

I was busy the entire day copying except so much as was taken up with the Police Court which was only an hour

I read an interesting ~~letter~~ debate today in the British House of Commons on Reform measures it was really splendid the member for Calne Mr Lowe made a very good speech today and John Bright handled the matter from his point of view very well Mr Gladstone was moderate and polished as usual and full of sound advice

I see that a man had died of chloroform at Toronto while inhaling it previous to the performance of an operation.

The Fenians are again collecting on our borders and will doubtless give us some trouble it seems foolish that we must be again the subject of such troblesome scoundrels and villains

We had a fine practice of music tonight and all sung very well and in fact we sing nearly all new tunes

To day the wind was cold from the East and very raw and in the afternoon it commenced snowing and kept up a regular snow storm all the night just as if we were beginning winter

There was one case of stealing to day of a scoundrel of an Irishman who broke into Levi St Louis House and stole a pair of pantaloons, and several other articles he was fortunately caught and taken into the next house and held untill St Louis and his wife who were in town got home then they handed him over to [illegible] Port to be surely only a miserable son of an Irishman

I concluded my copying of the Evidence in the case of David Rose uttering and spurious counterfeit scrip 14 10 worth of writing

I saw by the papers that such dispositions of the troops as may be necessary in case of another Fenian invasion are being made, and that the rendezvous ~~was~~ Brantford where there is good camping ground and dry soil

I read to night a part of a discussion in the English Parliament on the Confederation John Bright was pretty against us but not very much the thing passed through its second reading easy enough

Record contained Clemens Argument to day which was quite long

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1867.

To day there was a regular gale from the West the entire day blowing and freezing and the snow drifting

Mr Kemp preached from the words great is the Mystery of Godliness or something like that but he preached a very fair sermon indeed and showed that it was not the Mystery that is but the mystery that was that we have any thing to do with that now it is cleared up and we understand Gods dealings with the world

In the afternoon we had not so many at Sabbath School as we usually have on account of the severe wind and sever weather

In the evening we had Mr Kemps sermon on the deluge in which he took the ground that it was only partial and confined to the spot where our first parents were situated I also read that the ~~water~~ mount Ararat is not a mount it is the name of a country not the name of a mountain at all

Volunteers were ordered to day to hold themselves in readiness to move at a moments warning against the Fenians &c &c

Thermometer about 10° above zero at half past 10 Oclock

To day the weather was quite cold and dry wind west and the river frozen over, and quite difficult to cross at one time to day

The St Patricks or patron saints of Ould Ireland has passed off quietly despatches from all over last night both by cable and otherwise are all quiet so that Fenianism is again at a discount although I see that our Provincial folks are getting their troops ready at once and going to brigade them at Brantford

The artillery company were all [illegible] to day

Herriman Rolf has failed to day or rather on Saturday, William being security has assumed charge of the affairs

I was bothered with White the auditor to night ~~[illegible]~~ he required a good deal of information

We had a meeting of council tonight at which a good deal of small work was done the time for the collector was extended to night to the fifth of April

James Bell talks of leaving Mr Nurkin he has been offered a situation in ~~[illegible]~~ Toronto

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1867.

To day the weather moderated Off considerable to day and it was a clear sunshining day the whole day

I was busy to day all day with my minutes and other matters

The Fenian matters are all quiet no rising in Ireland of any kind

I was attacked to day at a fearful rate by Blackburn about a petition which was presented to the council last night by Clemmer

We had quite a time with Mrs Elliot to day about the Foundling baby she did not want to give it up I finally succeeded in getting her to give it up to Mrs Dibeck

I crossed ~~the~~ river to day and procured a ticket for a Pamphlet to Cincinnati.

James Bell went to Clifton to night

was informed by him that the Dock in Colchester had been pulled up by the Ice and it was doubtful whether they would fix it again and great was the regrets thereof

Heard that the greater part of Bothwell was burnt last night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold
wind East the entire day
was busy in the forenoon making
out a List of Lots for the Assessors
found that in the First Ward
there was about $615 and from
appearance there would be double
that in the second Ward
procured Scales for the market
to day at a cost of about $43.50
as also wire screens for the upper
windows we gave in Detroit Supply
price and I doing the carriage
for the wire screen at 40 cents per foot
I make out a commitment against
Schmidt to day for his abuse of Mrs
Brown last summer and a long
job it was
Saw Bright's Speech to night on
the 4th March to the English Parliament
as also Lord Derby's Speech about the
break up of his ministry
Had a prayer meeting to night
a good few attended we also
had a session meeting at which
there was only Mr Mc Cracken and
my self and James Butler
Lorenza Buchanan was in to night
went to Chatham to night to see a
Doctor tomorrow about her asthma
Alfred Thomas ~~was~~ died to day of consumption
Joseph Patchen died yesterday in Toronto
of the same

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1867.

To day it has Snowed the entire day and has been miserably sloppy
I was busy with statement of Non Resident Taxes the entire day no other business of any moment
Saw that Fenianism was again dying out that on account of bad news or rather the good news coming from Ireland the whole thing was fizzling out there was a regular riot at New York among the Fenians in which the Police got an awful mauling by the Hibernians but yet as the globe say these are the cut throats that they wish to rule Ireland, Now my uncle says they are certain to have a brush with them this spring I am under the impression he is mistaken
D B Cameron Failed to day and I am really sorry by a difficulty he has got into with one Irwin it seems to me it was very like fraud he sold Irwin a bill of $260 and gave his note Irwin went there about two o'clock one morning and took crockery for his bill and yet the note is not retired at the Bank, Cameron will lose about $400 by him. There is some appearance of other merchants being a little shaky business is very dull
Mrs Cheyne is in Toronto buying goods

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1867.

To day the weather was damp and Raw as usual and the roads very bad

I was very busy with my Non Resident land statements working up as fast as I could, there will be a large amount of Non Resident taxes this year

The Reform question seems again to be in the ascendant in Canada every part of the Country are gathering up strength as much as they can, meetings are being held all over

Henry Ruddiman came over tonight and stayed with us all night

We had a very good practice of music tonight but not many were present our good friend D B Cameron was not with us today he being in deep trouble and is doubtless going to leave the town

No news of any moment everything quiet all over no Fenian rising in Ireland they are all quiet there only a lot of them emigrating to the States

I read tonight a terrible encounter they had had with [illegible] in the States

Sandy Cameron is in some difficulty with his Patrons he having written to Scoble that he would support him

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1867.

Today it was a mild quiet day more spring like than any day we have had.

We sent a boy to Gaol today for Stealing a brass kettle from an old Coloured woman.

I finished my Non Resident Land today and began to make out my Copy for the Assessors and I was very glad of it for it is an exceedingly tedious job and one full of painful labour.

I received some papers today from the Old Land the debate on Disraelis explanations was really very good and calculated to bring contempt on party government to see such as the Conservatives of England making a Somersault clear over the head of the Whigs and jumping into the arms of the promoters of Household Suffrage.

There was a dreadful collision ~~[illegible]~~ last night on the Great Western. The Express Train ran into the Freight and killed the Conductor of F.T. and the Baggage man of the Express. Burget was Conductor it will be a wonder if he dont get his walking ticket however it will be seen by the Coroners jury who is to blame

Today the weather was very bad it rained the almost entire day it commenced in the morning about seven oclock

There was not a large congregation at church today on account of the weather I suppose it was the same with the Sabbath school which was quite thin Mr Kemp preached from the words the light a affliction which is but for a moment worketh a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory a very fine sermon

In the evening he was on the dispersion of the ~~Jews~~ the races after the confusion of languages it was a very fine sermon or rather lecture indeed

I understand Mr Hurst is becoming quite ritualistic in his movements singing all his prayers intoned and his hymns ended by Amen some of the people are talking a good deal about it.

James Bell came back to supper and is going to return with Mr McKinney

Mary Niddeman went home this afternoon at four oclock

I was not very well today I was a little bilious and could not eat any well it has not been a comfortable Sabbath to me

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold and slightly snowing

We had one of the the most abominable case before the police court to day Sam Lamont and Kate Wilson and Moore and of all the abominable language that was ever heard it beat all and the only thing that provokes me is the long consideration given to such cases by Burton I would throw a whole lot of the extraneous matter to the winds.

We had also a lot of other police matters which took us the entire day to my great annoyance as I was then thinking of going to London with Mr Kemp to morrow

I finished my Non Resident list to day for the assessors which amounted to a little over two thousand dollars $2000. While with the present tax Roll will at least make $2500

Mr Kemp is getting quite impatient about his statement in ~~the~~ Globe with regard to our Wright and Cameron's commutation were to meet together. John Richmond was up on Wright's commutation

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold and freezable frosty in the morning and Snowing at night

I did not go up with Mr Kemp to day to London I did not feel like doing it I would have to go at my own expense and I shant do that

The committees of Cameron and Wright would do nothing Cameron and Wright met themselves and they made some figures and Came under the impression that nothing could be done But Cameron seems unwilling to start he would gladly start if he could be assured of his election for him spending not more than $1000 which he is determined he will not give any more

The Confederation bill has passed and only awaits the Queens assent which is so far so good but our good friends at Washington seem determined not to allow us to be confederated without a protest which the Globe very wisely designates Yankee impertinence

Sent a letter to the Globe to night also one to Cornelius Irving who is ~~determined~~ requiring me to copy him some figures from Roll

We had John McLeod Wm Webster Dr Kemp Mother Brainard and the girls Cheyne at tea to night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1867.

To day the weather was still
quite cold and miserable and
roads bad
Made out an information to day
against Mr Lampson for violation
of Market Rules. in refusing to
pay for a load of Straw which he
had previously sold to Alfred Baby
I was very busy to day besides
Police work in fixing Rolls of 1864
1865 in getting the taxes right on
these Rolls / it is a great bother
to refix these Rolls and make out
new papers
Mr [illegible] did not come home
and I had to take the prayer
meeting I took for my Subject
Christs healing the Centurions Servant
and I got along very well indeed
I felt much better at home in
discoursing about Christ than
about any abstract Doctrinal principle
there was really a good meeting
present but I always feel on
these occasions that I ought to
be relieved from ~~these~~ leading the
singing I only sang twice / to
night / and James / being the only
one present that could lead in
prayer

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold, stiff and inclined to snow a little, quite a hard frost in the morning.

Pierre Langlois case was up to day and we had a good deal of fun over it ~~the~~ Rogue gave a good deal of irrelevant matter in his evidence but they never can get a conviction on such evidence case adjourned until tomorrow. We sent a fellow to Gaol for stealing a Horse from Costin, he seemed to be a great scoundrel.

I got my Non Resident Land list of 1864 done to day and put it in the Post Office for Wright so that he may be able to regulate the matter. English Reform Bill read a second time and referred to a committee of the Whole to be discussed on the 8th April. Gladstone was not pleased with the bill. The bill will be stuck full of fancy franchises such as double voting &c. Fenianism seems to be dying out altogether that is there is no money. I got a note from Mr Mackenzie yesterday to that effect. I hope we shant be bothered with the rascals any more.

We had a meeting of the managing committee of church to enquire about and money & Loans

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1867.

To day cold dry and clear wind
from the west blowing fresh
sun shining clear
Peter Langlois case was decided
to day and he upset the master
clerk and I think the decision
was a very proper one
I went across the river and
saw them about the wire screens
and they promised to put in two
screens so that circulation of air
may be had on Sunday nothing
new in the book line saw the
different Bookstores but nothing
new
I have read a very interesting
debate in British Parliament on
the Candia Insurrection in which
the Duke of Argyle commented in
severe terms on the conduct of the
Govt in not relieving the women and
children
I was very unwell to day
and at night I was perfectly
in torture with my stomach
and head did not go to sleeping
the [illegible] came home which had
[illegible] for the letter of them
of London The Globe had
the [illegible] reply to King to day

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1867.

To day the most beautiful day of the season clear and sunshiny all day

I finished my Roll of 1865 to day and gave it to R A Whyte to take to Sandwich

And also some License business in Licenses Mason and Harris

No news of any importance to day Rail Road Guarantee Loan in England passed the Commons to day for Intercolonial Railway which will pass at an early day

I was much better to day but a little wrecked from yesterday I dont think Ayley was so well to day as she might be she was a little fagged on the night

I read a few remarks from Thiers remarkable speech as well as Persignys speech the French statesman speak with great respect of England

The Rump Congress adjourned to day and well it may for it appears to be a miserable affair

We were going to hear Gough to night but could not get back because the team was not coming so we contented ourselves at home

To day weather was very beautiful and clear sunshiny until afternoon when it clouded up and commenced a lot of lowering rain in the evening

Mr Kemp preached very well in the morning from the backsliding Churches of Laodicea and Thyatira and indeed gave us very good account of a standing or falling through and

In the afternoon we had a very good Sabbath school and although James Noble was not present I got John McGowan to teach his class there seems to be a great deal of laxity in many of those who undertake to teach altho James has been very steady as a teacher

We went to Mr Blackadder and I went and distributed ten copies of the British Workman amongst the colored folks

Mr Kemp gave us his Lecture on original sin tonight and a very good Lecture it was considering he is very Liberal

I have read a good deal to day in the Cyclopedia of Bible Literature about Baptism, Isaiah Ecclesiastes I am going to turn my attention to Biblical Literature more than I have done so that I may be the more able to take charge of the prayer meetings

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1867.

To day the weather was cold and raw the entire day and it snowed a little in the morning

We had a great many drunken miserable creatures to day two of them Irishmen were fined for being disorderly and were ~~the~~ locked up all night.

The Division Court sat to day and from sixty to eighty cases were on the docket and were disposed of. Mr Haggerty the watchmaker appears to me to be a miserable shiftless fellow or rather a clumsy fellow he had made over all his business to his brother by a Bill of Sale to prevent that firm collecting funds from him that he owed them such conduct is exceedingly reprehensible. This being April fools day a good deal of fun was obtained by making sugar out of salt and molasses and cheating the public with it Sutton was at the Bottom of the affair in a great measure

The Council had a meeting to night and they were rather uproarious in regard to the Inmates and some accounts they raised old George Dunsons Salary and gave him $200 for ten which is really a great deal George Shipley I think is very unreasonable in some matters very much so

To day the weather was dry and cool from the North West the roads dried up a good deal to day

I was busy in the forenoon writing my minutes &c of last nights Council

I wrote letters to the Clerks of Goderich Ingersol Woodstock Galt and Guelph relative to the Public markets whether they were popular institutions, or not and what they realized out of the market.

Saw some curious cases today of what had transpired yesterday on April fools day how a [illegible] had actually dropped $150 and a man told him that but he was incredible and only came to his senses when he actually saw the bills

Fenianism appears to be quiet again only in Ireland they are completely squashed out in fact the whole affair is a complete humbug in every particular

We had a meeting of the Tract Society to night and quite an interesting affair the whole matter was well worth our while by the interest that was taken in tract distribution

Today it was a nice drying day all day pretty warm at times
I was busy adding up my Role today and a very tedious job it is
I was struck with the information that we got today of Welker Ashew be robbed ~~and~~ by three men holding a pistol at his head and took $15 from him. And a man by the name of Haley was robbed of nearly a Hundred dollars by the same parties a dreadful state of affairs. They are quite excited about the matter
I presented my Remarks gown up the Prayer meeting tonight I shall to confine myself to a short written a address the Revd made a long digressive reply and went into the philosophy of gowns he said it was merely an academical garment totally free from Ritualism altogether he in fact said it was the gown of Calvin and Beza and others of the Reformers
I have quite a cold tonight and totally prostrate or rather a little fevered

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1867.

Today it rained almost the entire day it dried up slightly in the evening

I was very busy with my Note adding up the entire deal in fact I am sick of this affair a person has to do so much of that sort of thing his head gets full of figures and he is unfit for any any longer

My cold continues dreadful & am threatened with more for my head keeps running

No news of any importance except that one of the Drovers was robbed of some money evidently by the same party they took some $300 from them bodily went away they did it by holding the pistol at his head

Got letter from Ingersoll Clerk and Guelph By Laur to day & others of which were much more favourable to ~~buy~~ market than I expected

The King pitched into him again he seems quite bitter against him on the subject

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1867.

To day the weather was very cold
and boisterous towards night it
it snowed and froze quite hard
and very disagreeable generally
First thing this morning
was the Burglary at Mrs Dant
where they had stolen some four
hundred dollars in cash and some
silver plate making in all some $450
worth the excitement is getting intense
in fact the people are very much
excited and a number of special
constables are appointed and
are to be on parol to night
Lucien Pope was chagrined at the
idea of his not being allowed to
put on such ones as constables
as he pleased
Two negros and a white man
were arrested on suspicion yesterday
and another negro to day but
not any of them knew anything
about it and were discharged
Board of Trade met tonight
but could not do anything until
next meeting which was put
off untill next thursday
Adding up Roll all the time
John Ure Snow took singing
to night

To day the weather was a
little better and looks like as
if the roads would dry up
I was busy adding up some
columns of the Collectors Roll
I went across the river and
paid the man Warren for his
wire Linings on the Town Hall
I paid him $82 80 of American
money

I read to day the great debate
on the Reform Bill between
Disraeli and Gladstone they
both made good speeches but
Gladstone is by far the most
honest and consistent logically
he is in earnest in all he
does and says

I wrote or rather drafted
a letter to Government to day
about the Rural Constabulary but
but Dougall not being here
we could do nothing about
the matter at all so it
remained in abeyance Samuel
a wrote today from the Gulf
Clark a very good letter indeed

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1867.

To day ~~It~~ the weather was fine the nicest day and we were very much pleased at it all through to day.

Mr Kemp preached to day for the first time with his new gown and he looked very well indeed he passed in review the preachings of the past year and we were told that he had preached 94 sermons 23 of which were from the Old testament and 71 from the New testament

We had a good Sabbath School to day and a good deal of interest was taken

In the evening he preached again chiefly on the same as he preached in the morning I forget what it was at the time I write it was something like this: about not preaching themselves but Christ and him Crucified

It looked a good deal like Spring to day the weather was very fine all day

As usual we had our lock up full some five or six were in two of which were sent to gaol the rest let go

There had been a very great trouble about what is called the Scotch Store a dry goods place established besides Mr Frasers Jewellery shop on the North side of Sandwich Street they call it Scotch but they are two Irishmen that have established it. The partners quarrelled and fought' and [illegible] brought up Garwood for an assault and he was fined ten dollars and costs this afternoon he tryed it for intent to do serious bodily harm but that would not work so he was obliged to take a common assault

This evening news came that France and Prussia are likely to go to war and there may be some doubt whether they dont fight The Gospel has not yet assumed to itself its great power to raise for war and bloodshed yet hold them sway

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1867.

To day the weather was still good up to the after noon but it looked likey as if we were to have rain The roads are doing very well drying up fast Steamboats are getting out the morning Star has started Cleveland all right without any ice obstruction so I learned by the papers to day

So troublea had the king of Prussia been about the war that it was said in the parliament yesterday by Mr Lowe that he had sent for Bismarck at 2 Oclock on Sunday morning the quarrel is going to be about Luxembourg France wants it from Holland but Prussia demurs and wont give it or rather wont allow Holland to give it

I was busy today adding up my Roll and got very near through

I was busy reading in Froude about Henrys difficulties with the Emperor of Germany what a fickle fellow he is

The States have Ratefied the Russian treaty and given ten millions of dollars in gold for it

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1867.

To day it rained almost the entire day and was therefore very disagreeable the roads are again miserable and bad

To day I finished my Roll yesterday Samuels Bell having nothing to do came up and assisted me a little there was actually about $18 100 on it to Collect

In the evening we had the Prayer Meeting and we decided to have the Meeting on Thursday evening that is the [illegible] I invited the Ladies to be present on Friday evening at the Sewing Meeting to make the preliminary arrangements and I said I would try and get all the other arrangements in order that they may be all up [illegible] the Music the Lamps the Speakers and the Luncheon and all the other arrangements

The Scotch Store is still in trouble yet another assault case comes out of it of a man named Hall with Rowley Port Wine

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1867.

It had cleared off during the night and there was a little ice on the waters, but there was a clear sunshine all day the roads were dreadful bad

We had no case before the Police Court to day of any moment

The Hall and Pot case did not come on

I see by the papers that England had made a demand on Spain for redress in the case of the Tornado and had sent some ships there to enforce their demand.

We got the bills and tickets printed for the Soiree tonight

We were asked to tea at Mr Thomas Woodbridge's tonight along with Mr Crump and Mr Capt Bishops folks there was a Miss McMonies there the daughter of the member for North Wentworth.

We had a meeting of the Board of Trade tonight and a number of new members were admitted and quite a discussion took place on the appointment of a Market Committee Mr Blackaller and Mr Lampie brought it on John Shinbarn was drunk and was there for abuse

Mr Bell & Charles up at the Court of Chancery

To day the weather was very good all day the sun shining out clearly the entire day

We had the case of Hall and Fort up to day and a very curious case it was I dont think there was any case of assault Hall gave Terry OConnor a tremendous cutting up very pretty fogging round with the Cantering

Then in the afternoon we went to Sandwich to settle a case of taxes with the Treasurer and after getting through with that we came home The case was quite simple Pollock had received the money but nothing gave credit to that Town or Township for the money

Went into the Court of Chancery and saw Vice Chancellor Mowatt taking down evidence procured a decree of seven dollars for Crowners fees Then came home

Had a meeting of a few of the Ladies to speak about Soiree and we decided to call another meeting for Monday afternoon at John OBlake

Mr Bell and Charles were here all night James Bell went to Colchester to day

Still a very beautiful day sun shining brightly all day

Had the case of Harwood against Cumming to day for assault and we had a great deal of extraneous nonsense I never took down so much stuff to no purpose I would have I think decided to dismiss the case if I had been Curran we had White on the one side and Marson on the other

Bismarck had sent an energetic note to Napoleon to hinder the cause of his arming and asking him to desist what will be the answer it is hard to say the Prussians are proud of their history and are not easily cowed at present Canada Rail Road bill passed both Commons and Lords of England only requires the Queens signature to become law

Heard to day that Mr J B Cumming is going to enter the Church has got labour away in Euphemia among some highland folks

Mrs Swan Lizzy and I went across the river to hear the Fort Street choir practice and to try and get them to sing at our Soiree

To day it was beautiful and warm the intire day threatened rain in the afternoon but little change

Mr Kemp preached well ~~at~~ ~~night~~ in the forenoon from the words And they continued steadfast in the apostles doctrine breaking bread &c a very fine Sermon

We had a good Sunday School But I went across the River ~~a~~ to have the Lecture Room out in the Balmey Church and Mr Sibbs Church I heard Mr Balls of Guelph preach at Balmers Church and Mr Sibbs went with me and heard Mr Sibbs preach and I went there and got her at that time it threatened rain

We had a capital discourse from Mr Kemp at night on the Church of Ephesus there was quite a large congregation It was a little misty with the singing but got along nicely

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1867.

To day there was not much rain just a little it soon went over

There was not much news of any kind to day

Things went very quiet yesterday there was no Taverns open as allowed to be open and therefore we had no drunkards in the cells but they begin to grumble a good deal at not being able to be open ~~at~~ on Sunday

To night we were all busy at the Council meeting we had quite a number of resolutions passed I was appointed to take the collecting business in hand to see that the taxes was collected

The Hall was refused tonight to the Pugilists and could not be given on account

The Ladies of the Congregation had a meeting in the Church this afternoon it went off very well I understood. I helped them on as much as I could

To day the weather was fine and seemed to be coming up all right.

I was busy to day with my minutes posting them up and getting them all square. I was also busy making out my warrants for the Appleton &c.

Chewett and Co's agent came in with an account against the Town to day and I paid it but the agent did not have my cheque book ready.

We had the girls here to night at singing and they sang very well. Mrs Gilks came in and assisted us by playing the melodeon she did exceedingly well and so did all the girls but Miss Gilks is slightly troublesome she seems to think she knows so much

To day the weather was very fine and the roads are getting very dry and they

I was busy to day at Duckworth with non Resident land & got it all fixed and all errors brought to light I got it fixed on purpose for Cleary Cunningham Partner who wants to pay the taxes on all these lots I fixed up all the errors in the List preparatory to his paying them

In the afternoon I went to work and ran over the Collectors Roll to take up all the delinquent taxes returned as ordered by the Council

I got the girls together in the evening again and we had an excellent practice but some of the Ladies Mrs Gilkes thought we could not be fit to sing such as the Easter Anthem and our Native Land and some others but I think we did it very well but Mrs Gilkes is a little touchy

To day the country was very beautiful the lecture day I was busy to day in getting our matters fixed about the soiree we got everything very well done and got all in readiness in the evening and I went and took charge of the door and Mr Cameron assisted as we had to put Mr Kemp in the chair we were likely to have a fuss about the coffee but we got it all right after all and we had plenty of provisions and got along very well indeed

Mr Kemp made an exceedingly poor speech nothing in it worth remembering

Mr McBrown gave us one on enthusiasm very well illustrated indeed

Mr Ball dwelt on the necessity of having a good word for your minister even if you dont believe entirely what you say

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1867.

To day it was a very fine day and pleasant

It being Good Friday and of course a regular Holliday so I attended to the Town Hall and seen about fixing up matters there for the Childrens party this afternoon

There was quite a number of children present and we realized something like $17.50 and I was quite elated with our success

In the evening they had a Social in the Hall and I staid at Home to take care of the Children I read a great deal Froude especially the difficulties about Henry and Charles and I came very fairly towards the end of the fourth volume the Book was a splendid volume I like some of Froude's ideas about Henry VIIII in fact he gives you the facts and lets the inferences be drawn by yourself

Mr Putnam was down to day but went up this evening

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1867.

To day there blew the entire day one of the most tremendous days of wind I ever saw dust blew fearfully and we had our eyes filled with dust

I got the things home from the Lower Stores Dishes Melodian &c

The rest of the day the Collectors Roll was under Review I worked it up and got through it I was able to find that I got through it altogether and found it contained about $2700 uncollected taxes

There is some probability of the Proclamation being issued calling into effect the Confederation Act of Parliament so that our election to be held in June

No news of any importance except that Gold is up to $1.38 or $1.40 caused it is said by the difficulties with France and Prussia

Miss Williams mother came up this afternoon from Toronto

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold but fine and pleasant until after o'clock when it began to rain hard and continued as long as we were out of bed

Mr Kemp preached in the morning from the words Rejoice evermore a very fair sermon

We had a good Sabbath School in the afternoon about fifty children

In the evening Mr Ball preached a fair sermon on Moses by faith choosing rather to cast in his lot with the despised children of Israel rather than with Pharaohs daughter

The time we were in church a foundling baby was brought into the House I got the matter ~~and~~ made all right and found the mother of the child and had her arrested and sent to Lock-up

Mrs Bell and Frankie and James all came up on the train this afternoon from Colchester

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1867.

This was a miserable day the entire day sleet and rain cold and raw formed the staple of the weather to day

We sent the woman to sad to day on account of her leaving her baby by the church but still I am in doubt whether it is her that left it on the sidewalk or not or whether it was the woman who had it to keep for her they are a bad lot altogether

I went out among the tax people this afternoon and did some good service waking them up and telling the occupants who had taxes to pay that they must pay them and be done with it

I saw to day that by a letter Mr Gladstone had virtually relinquished the leadership of the Liberal party ~~but~~ who will lead them now, it is hard to say

All the folks ~~laugh~~ at my rhymes to nepal I mean the girls and James

Got a very well written letter to nepal from William Beddoman

And Helen got a letter from Miss Elba Noble from Muskegon

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1867.

To day the weather was fine and pleasant

I was around a great deal to day amongst the tax people and pretty near finished my work as far as that is concerned I found the people living in McDougall Street in a much better position to pay their taxes than was at first supposed every one of them are going to make an effort

In the evening Mr Cameron and I came up to the Office and overhauled all the accounts I showed him all the matters connected with the Town accounts and he got quite an intelligent idea of the whole of them Shipley looked in and so did Mr Johnson who is also one of the Finance Committee great uneasiness seems to prevail about the Prussian and French embroglio so that it has very materially influenced Gold it was up as high one day as $140 which shows that the United States are not entirely free from the disturbing influence of war on the continent

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day but cold the vegetation has not progressed very far from blossoming yet It is / very good for Mr McDougall in his Nursery trees.

To day we had the case of two fellows that robbed James Cotter's till one of them was sent to Gaol for forty days and the other was detained on account of what was said to be a robbery by any of the staff at [illegible]

/ To ~~night we~~ this afternoon there was a telegraph come from Guelph to Chief of Police and as such party was away from home I opened the telegraph and foun that it wanted him to arrest a man by the name of George Carrol I went down to the station and took Burnett with me we soon twigged the gentleman coming from the Cars, and we searched him and found nine $2 bills of Ontario Bank and $30 in silver on him

Was at Mr Lyons along with Miss Williams and her brother to night after which we prayer meeting

To day the weather was fine all day

Sam Post had some Lumber men to day Who were brought up by one of Gillespie of Hamilton sued for cutting timber on his land so I went down to day for them they were some where about ~~Hamilton~~ [illegible]

We had quite a numerous Company to night at tea to night consisting of Mrs Williams and family as well Mrs Woodbridge & Kemps people we had quite a fine affair and they all separated about twelve oclock

Matters are still a little mixed in the European imbroglio there is no news of any importance other than that about European Politics

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1867.

To day was fine throughout but vegitation not very far forward yet Buffalo Harbour not open yet

People say that Freights are going to be very dull this year absolutely a dead song from Chicago to New York

We sent the man back to Guelph to day

A Merchant from Lansing was here on a burst he had $200 American money on him and was fined $4 and costs which he cheerfully paid and went

Another man will be here tomorrow for the man that Robbed the Stage

The Lumber business was not settled yet

The Oddfellows had a great day to day they gave us a few dollars & cents about $6 in paper U S and $3 in silver The Lecture was a poor affair the supper was just as bad

Clark and Graham have dissolved partnership sometime ago although I have not chronicled it before

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1867.

To day cold and raw and anything but pleasant

I was busy with my accounts to day all day

Mrs Bell and James went out to Uncle Riddimans to day and they come almost frozen before they got back Mrs Bell had not been well while out there but she mustering up courage and come home she says they are still fearfully sad out there and a sort of monotonous and dreary

We sent back the man to day to Vienna to ~~day~~ be tried and he seemed to take matters all easy and went away cheerfully but I believe him to be a great scoundrel

Things are not so warlike in the east to day it is said the Queen proposed to settle the affair by the

Mrs Nelson her husband and daughter were ~~both~~ all sent for trial to the Assizes but Fraser bailed them out

Partridge and Roberge were the principal occupants of the court to day after the Nelsons

To day was fine all day
But I could not enjoy
it I was very ill until about
five O clock in the afternoon
with a terrible bilious Hedach
in fact I vomited a good
deal of bile in the forenoon and
afternoon I therefore kept
at Home all day in fact the
entire day untill night John
I went to Church as James
Beattie was going to lead the
singing

I John Mr Brown and
the Mrs Browns were at Dr
Hogarths worship this being his
last Sabbath previous to his
departure for Europe on tomorrow

Mr Kemp preached very
well on the Church of Thyatira
a very fair sermon indeed

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1867.

To day it was a pretty good day all day but state cold and dry

We fined Morrish and a Peddler up to day for fighting and fined them each in a Small Sum

The fellow that we sent to Vienna on Saturday stole Morrishes coat a good new coat and we got a bit of the cloth of the coat and I am going to write to Vienna about it

Harriet Cummings was sent to Gaol to day again for being drunk and disorderly

We had a Council meeting to night in which I got the Collector a little leave long again until he should finish his Roll Shipley has given notice of ~~a~~ By Law for the appointment of a Collector for 1867 I believe he is going to appoint (or try appoint) Rogerson which is to say the least of it a very foolish idea and items about accounts was also before the Council

James Bell went away to night to Clifton to be permanently settled there as McMicken's Clerk quite a number of persons were present to see him off

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1867.

To day the weather was very cold and dry

We had Partridge and Roberge to day again and such another day (I never seen) Partridge pitched into Roberge and Roberge came it to him back again with interest the matter has created quite a fuss between them Roberge was fined but was unable to pay begged for further time

I was busy to day fixing up matters for Court of Revision to morrow in preparing my papers

I may here also mention that I got the Warrant ready to day for the Mayor to sign in the case of Worthingtons resignation which was accepted last night it was issued to day and the election was to made on next Monday so as to keep it clear of the assizes

Myra & Annie accompanied Mrs Bell this afternoon to Colchester they left by the boat this afternoon

Still a little warlike in England but it was hoped a conference would settle the matter the Queen having written to King of Prussia strongly urging a peaceful solution

There had been a little rain during the night but cold and cloudy all day

Court of Revision to day but we did not get through many cases to day so that we were obliged to adjourn until tomorrow we therefore did very ~~the~~ little by way of work to day

In the afternoon we had the case of Dennisons Robberies by a darky that was taken in Detroit he confessed the Crime & selling the articles over the river his master who brought him up was present he is a very good looking darky where they got the information about people having money I do not know

We had the Prayer meeting to night there was a good many present after what Mr Kemp had to say on the chapter I was called on to pray

It appears there is to be a Congress of Nations over the Luxembourg difficulty in London

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1867.

To day the weather was stile cold and dry

The Court of Revision met to day and we disposed of a great many cases but were unable to close with the whole of them so we were obliged to post pone further proceedings untill to morrow at two oclock when they would then settle the whole matter

Willie Ashur Brougham information against the Steve Darkey for his robbery and he confessed the whole affair and was sent up for trial as well as the other case

No news of any importance worth speaking about at present we are but a little family at present

Poor little Allie is bothered with a pain in his side what it is we dont know but it makes him restless all night and miserable I have not been quite as well this week as I could wish

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1867.

Still dry and cold sometimes like rain but little comes worth speaking of

In the forenoon we had a case of quarrelling and fighting between the engineer of the [illegible] and a man of church Lucius it had been a foolish fight they were arrested by Prior who knew their fighting the fight took place yesterday

Court of Revision sat to day and finished up its entire business there was a good deal to do and a good deal of alteration was made taking the matter altogether into consideration

We had a singing practice of Kepher and learned the tune Zoar it was a nice tune and I intend to introduce it to the church at the earliest date possible

The English papers with Reform debate are getting very interesting but it is hard to read it the print is small

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1867.

To day it cleared ~~all~~ a litter but not a great deal it makes things start wonderfully

we had the case of Frenchmen to day for being drunk was sent to Asylum ~~he~~ he was the nephew of a man that works at Wolffs but he would not assist him so he went down to day

Went across the River to day did not buy any thing gave ~~[illegible]~~ Isabella to day the papers got a Country paper from George Russel

A great account of a Vestry meeting was given to day by Bill Irwin no doubt he seemed very anxious to show his interests for other ends in his account of the Vestry meeting

John Wearing has a miserable letter in the Herald about Parent a sad bar Room affair it savours a great deal of the tap Room

The Delegates from England have arrived that is John A Howland and MacDougall

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1867.

To day was a fine day Mr Kemp preached very well to day

In the morning he preached on the Christian duties of rising higher and higher in Christian duty

We had good Sabbath School But James Noble was sick and was not there so was also Ming not there

Mr Blackader and I went out and distributed some British Workman ~~to night~~ this afternoon

In the evening we had a good lecture on the church of Pergamos A very interesting lecture indeed he gave us a very vivid description of the church and also of the city of Pergamos with its library of 200 000 volumes Uncle Cheyne was sick to day so that he could not attend church

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1867.

Cold and dry. Vegetation progresses very slow.

We had an exceedingly disgusting case today to settle. A man called Sigler, Stoney Creek who had beat his wife so that she had a miscarriage and then the disgusting details of the midwife was fearful in my idea. I never saw anything worse. He was sent to Gaol for the Assizes.

I read tonight an account or rather the speeches in the great Reform debate. Beresford Hope pitched into Disraeli and Disraeli into him. It appears as though Hope and he have parted company that he had left the Conservative party.

The delegates are going home tomorrow about.

Made informations today against Hatton and Rochford against the one for selling without a License and against the other for selling on Sunday.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1867.

To day the Assizes Commenced at Sandwich

The Criminal Calendar is very large and very degrading are some of the Crimes

A Verdict was rendered against the Sheriff to day in favour of the County for $1800 or thereabout and the Judge it appears ruled strong against him how he is to pay is a mystery to every body a part of it was [illegible] for because the Reeves of ~~the~~ some of the Townships had asked to give time

We had the case of Boulton and Rochford up to day and we were obliged to postpone on account of their pleading not guilty which seemed to me a very strange affair for especially Boulton was guilty I understand

Helen was not just very well to night she had a tremendous headache she was like to go crazy with it it is a very [illegible] thing to have a heavy headache

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1867.

To day weather cold and dry but still not too threatening I dont think there has been any fruit hurt by frost

I was not so busy to day I wrote a letter in answer to Irwins account of the vestry meeting to day which appeared in last weeks Record I read it to Mr Cameron and Mr McGowan mark said it was good I gave it to Laura for Saturday's paper

I mailed a letter to day for George Russel [illegible] asking him to write me as soon as possible to tell me about all the folks

Peace Conference met yesterday and adjourned some day we are to have four others peace

Prayer meeting thinly attended to night on account of a number being at Sutton hearing the Great Baptist Revivalist no one to assist me Kemp but myself

Helen is better to day but still I think she is not just very well

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1867.

To day cold and dry as usual

No police business to day Went to Sandwich on account of Town for to see about County accts as I did not understand the ones we got from them at all

While at Sandwich I heard a Municipal case tried between the Town and Morgan Morgan it appears was driving home and ran against a waggon in the street and dislocated his shoulder he sued the Town of Amherstburgh for damages of $1000 but there is a provision in the Statute that the action must be commenced within three months after the damages was sustained but this was nearly four months the Town therefore out of Court however although that was the Judge's opinion he said Mr O'Connor better go on and prove his defence which he did and got a verdict against Morgan in favour of the Town

Went to Detroit to supper given Kennedy and a rare treat we had there must have been close on fifty from Windsor hearing him he sings the comic songs well and tells a good story got home about 11 oclock

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1867.

To day still cold and dry although it drizzled and rained last night a little

When I came home last night I never saw such a ragamuffin crew as was in Girons Smith shop it beat all I ever saw they were going off to a Prize fight and they were all the scum from every part of the country

The bout on the [illegible] at 12 Oclock so it is said it appears that Davis the man from Detroit got licked in ten minutes and a half so my all prize fights end in a complete hoax

The Peace conference are in session with the strongest prospect of peace

My letter against Sewing birds being well ended I read the proof to night

No singing to night they were too long in coming to the meeting I counted until half after ~~six~~ eight before any of them came

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1867.

To day it was very cold and dry
wind East most all day
We had quite number of drunken
cases to day and we sent two of
them to Sandwich a very abandoned
french girl was sent down yesterday
I never saw such open hearted
wickedness as she showed
We had quite a time with Moses
Rouse to day who would not answer
a Question he subpoenaed on the
Rutherford case because of his not
answering he was sent to Gaol for
contempt of court but McDonald
got him out in the evening
Assizes closed to day so I understand
a number were sent to the Penitentiary
some as many as ten years
The Peace of Europe is secure
so I have understood Lord Stanley
mentioned that the Protocol would
be signed to day he was President
of the Conference which was a
great honor to him but he is
a clever man
The people generally like my
letter to day but some of them
are attributing it to the [illegible]

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1867.

Today it was cold and dry wind from the east I was very unwell all day but I held out and did not give in

Went to Church in the forenoon Mr Kemp preached from the words "Gallio cared for none of those things" it was a good sermon on the whole and very well delivered

did not go out this afternoon wrote our papers I was not well enough

Went to Church in the evening heard Mr Kemp preaching on the confessing of Christ it was a good sermon but not well delivered as I thought

Saw Robert Rae go to his Brother and also Robert Taylor and his sister I am afraid we are going to have trouble from that Quarter

Poor little Alie is not well yet he is bothered with his teeth a good deal

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1867.

To day the weather was good all day
and quite warm
I was busy to day all day making
out informations against the Lager
keepers at the instance of a fellow by
the name of Jones there were no less
than seven or eight informed against
which with the witnesses caused an
immense amount of writing
We had no council meeting to night
for want of a Quorum
The little fellow was not able to put
the money up for the witness fees and
so his informations all fell through
Mary and Annie came up to
~~night~~day and I went across the
river in the morning to meet them
I had a very good chat with Jannie
Black waiting for the boat there was
a good deal of matter past through our
hands at the time we were at it
Things are growing extremely fine
there is to all appearance the largest
appearance of fruit ever seen in this
locality all kinds peaches plums
apples &c &c

John Kirk and Miss Elisabella
Newcombe were married to day
at S Oblink and then left for
Pontiac

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1867.

Today the weather has been a little warm and not so warm as yesterday

I made out the information all over again to day against the Tavern Keepers they were made out in the Name of Goodenough and Jones was to receive half what Goodenough derived from it that is Quarter of the fine It was a long tedious business and as I was otherwise busy I did not like it I wanted to get the accounts published as we had got the act from the County we wanted now to publish the whole Affair I went and got a Curtain for my window and am going to keep out all intruders while I am busy at work with the accounts

I was busy with my Garden I got it fixed off pretty well

Peace seems now to be firmly established consols or European funds have risen to 91, Gold however keeps up

There is a good deal of disturbance about the labour market they are passing laws all over making a legal day's work 8 hours which is deranging matters badly

To day the weather was very good but still not very good growing weather

We held on the Liquor cases to day George Murray was fined $20 and costs we took some evidence in the rest of the cases but they were all postponed until tomorrow

Annie Newton was married to Lepperfort to day and started off for Quebec. Our young folks are getting married off fast

Our folks commenced to clean house to day they papered the upstairs front room and Helen done it remarkably well she is very ingenious in these matters

I understand that my friend Irvine is out in a very grand letter pitching into our church in particular and making the word Anti, Unite Rome which makes all the difference in the world

The Globe seems to be driving away at Politics still and determined to do all he can in electing Reformers into Parliament

Prayer meeting to night there were a good few present

To day the cases of the Tavern keepers were all finished but the Judgment which was reserved untill tomorrow

I put my accounts to day all made out right into the printers hands and fixed them all up soundly

There is not much news of any importance at present there seems to have been a very bad riot at ~~new Or~~ Mobile where several people were shot and other depredations of a like character were committed a Judge Kelley was speaking at the time that old leaven of Slavery is still there yet

Breadstuffs are becoming uncommonly dear. the 2 lbs loaf is now 11 cents and the ~~[illegible]~~ barrel of flour $11.

There was one of Mr McLelland the Tailor's daughters married tonight to a cousin of Mrs Gall's Mr Kemp done the job

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1867.

Today the weather was dry and cold wind from the North tonight it feels like frost

The liquor cases were all decided today Mr Hutton and Michael Joseph were fined and Mason and Chatter discharged they were fined $20 a piece they are going to appeal so they say little Jones the informer has put across the river

Our folks have been very hard at work today all day in cleaning house they have got on a great deal in fact turned things outside in and had a general overturning of every thing

I corrected my ~~the~~ accounts proof today I do not think there will be much difficulty in understanding them

We had a pretty fair meeting at our church tonight and Mr Kyrps gave us a good sermon appropriate to the occasion we had a session meeting and distributed tokens Mr James Bartlett's two daughters were admitted for the first time

We had a poor crazy black woman today with us we sent her to leave she was very bad

Today wee had a pretty cold in
the morning but pretty good
weather all day it was a
little frost during the night.
wee had no cases before the Police
Court to day
The only item of notice was
Irwin's letter in reply to mine and
of all the productions that ever appeared
it appears to be the most foolish
but the worst of it is it is aimed
against my Pamp which is unpardonable
and the little wretch ought to be
ashamed of himself
Mr William Noble came in this
afternoon and informed us that
Mrs Maurice was dead and to
be buried this afternoon at
three Oclock I went over with
him to the funeral saw the corpse
she seemed to be much wasted
she was aged 64 I went to
the cemetery with the funeral Dr
Lippitt read the funeral service
met William Ridgeman and
his folks there poor George Mann
seemed a kind of bewildered at
the scene before

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1867.

To day the weather was good untill about two oclock in the afternoon When it began to rain and rained all the afternoon and evening

We had the Communion this forenoon about 62 sat down at the table Mr Kemp did very well he preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion acquited himself very well indeed

We took a vote on changing the Sabbath school in the afternoon from two oclock to nine oclock but we found the majority of the teachers against doing it so I thought it was better to let it remain as it was

In the afternoon I read part of an interesting little work written by Lindsay Alexander on the Island of Iona the abode of Columba the early history of the Druids is very good indeed and it also shows how much of it is still incorporated with the Roman Catholic Church

In the evening we had a thanksgiving sermon a very good one but thinly attended on account of the rain

Mr Swan was out at Pontiac to day preaching he is doing well they say

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1867.

To day the rain stopped but towards night it clouded up again and looked a little like rain.

I was busy to day all day in making out By Laws I made out one for the Collector One for Board of Health and One for Hacks and Hackstands

On the evening we had a Council Meeting when Rowson was appointed Collector. We passed a vote for the Celebration of the Queens birthday of about $100. Quite a dissension got up about it but it did not amount to much. Forbes is a perfect Cataract of talk I never heard anything like him.

To day Carter was quite unwell he seems to have got a severe cold and that resting on his lungs there was no Police business to day of any moment unless it was Jesses Schostons Son who was arrested for stealing a fifty cent piece from Mrs Lyeals Grand child and put into the Lock.

There seems to be a great appearance of all kinds of fruit blossom out in great abundance

The Atlantic Cable of 1866 is broken a short distance from the Newfoundland Coast by an Ice berg

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1867.

To day it has been one continued day of rain from end to end I scarcely ever saw anything more severe in this country it poured as if out of buckets in the morning

Baron was too unwell to be present at the Police court to day Shepley presided and remanded Houston until tomorrow I was busy all day to day in ~~attending~~ making out By Laws passed last night and recording my minutes ~~the~~

I sketched out a reply to day to Kevin's letter the more I read the letter of his in last weeks issue of the paper the more I was ~~sate~~ disgusted with it.

I read a part of a Debate in the British Parliament on the ridiculous purchase system of commissions in the British Army

I also saw an address issued by Thos Darcy McGee to the Electors of West Montreal on the Election the Globe was very savage on him he came down on him like a thousand of brick

Our folks are busy cleaning house yesterday they put up new wall paper in the dining room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1867.

To day the wind although not so heavy still it has not ceased the whole day blowing from the west yesterday it was from the East

We remanded young Houston to goal until Monday next when Learn is expected to be present he is still sick

The whole of the hands at the Depot is so nearly discharged every thing is being done by the Iron Steamer that Milwaukie dock is ready and all local freight is taken there they will only require about two hands in the Depot here now

I went to Detroit and bought $7 60 worth of oil cloth for the Hall passage that is Canada funds We moved out the Stove to day into the outer kitchen

Read an interesting debate in the British Parliament on the Irish Church Gladstone was particularly good

Another miserable timber case is coming up before the Police Magistrate on Monday Shipley remanded them

Prayer Meeting tonight a pretty fair meeting considering the night

Helen hurt her Knee last night by falling in the passage way it is swelled and stiff today

To day the weather cleared off a good deal but it was a little drizzly until dinner time, then it cleared off altogether and the sun set beautifully

Mr Shipley presided today at the Police Court and we committed two men for stealing until next Tuesday and we also took an information against Reuben Wall for grossly abusive language in the streets

I understand that Curon is very far from well that he has another attack of Bronchitis which if not taken care of may prove fatal

My letter in reply to Brown will appear tomorrow I think it is pretty savage. I want him to feel the force of his position

I tried to get my school accounts finished today and would have done so had not some errors crept into the account which bothered me a good deal,

No news of any importance to day unless it be that there is to be another Fenian rising at least so it is said and that before a month we are to have 30000 landed on our shores so says the New York Herald

James Bell appears to be now fairly settled at Clifton I suppose the Govt will soon be making some disposition of Mr Nyskin's Police force

The Cable of 1866 will soon be repaired again so it is said

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1867.

To day with the usual times has been a pretty good day all day it threatened showers but it has been a fine day

And being the Queen's birthday it has been a holiday

We discharged a few miserable creatures from the lock-up and let them go. The volunteers turned out at target practice and some of them said that they made good practice

Then a Royal Salute was fired at noon and a Feu de joie by the volunteers

After which I hired a horse and buggy and first took the Children down as far as Sandwich to the oil well and then turned round and came back and took Ellen out as far as the point at the entrance of Lake St Clair quite a piece and we enjoyed it wonderfully well But I had a very sore eye so after taking tea at Mrs Davies I came away to see whether I could find Mr McEwen or Mr McKenzie or not both of them had called on me while I was out

I did not go out any more to night I wrote in the House my eye was very bad indeed

My letter against Brown is considered good

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1867.

To day it was partialy dry but we had quite a shower in the afternoon but it ultimately cleared off nice

My eye this morning was completely glued up I could not open it untill I got some water to wet it but it is better to night

We had a great number in the Police court to day they were all disposed of without any fine except it was Charley Boyer and he assaulted Mr Shepley's son who was attending the shop and Mr Cameron fined him five dollars and costs for his offence

I made up the school account and had it signed by the Treasurer and Mr Blackade and ~~sep~~ sent off to the department at Toronto

I got some papers to day I see by the Globe that the Queens Proclamation came out on the 23 for the new Dominion of Canada but the list of Senators is not yet known

New York Herald is again on the rampage about the Fenians he says there ~~are~~ is going to be an invasion from 100 000 very soon and that Fenians are all at work doing what they can

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1867.

To day was fine throughout the entire day but just a little cool

We had a good sermon from Mr Kemp on the Mysterious ways of Providence in the forenoon

I had an excellent Sabbath School in the afternoon in which there was fifty five children

We did not go out this afternoon among the blacks as we had no papers I read a good deal and wrote a letter to Etta Noble from Helen

In the evening we had a very good sermon from Mr Kemp on the words if the salt have lost its savour wherewith shall it be salted He wanted to show that Christianity was the salt of the earth and that if we were not true Christians we were like the salt without the savour

Mr Broley preached his farewell sermon tonight so it was said I do not know

My eyes was much better today

To day the weather was fair all day but cold

We had some drunks at the Police Court who were discharged. We had Mr Dougall at the Police Court to day and he acted very well indeed. We had a tedious case to day from Pike Creek about timber in which they had asked it from the Bailiff. The case was adjourned for adjudication until tomorrow morning at ten oclock

Ralph Houston was fined five dollars and costs for stealing from Alick Squals $1-50 or twenty days in Gaol. before Mr Cameron and Mr Dougall

There is some Fenian excitement getting up again and they are again going to try to give us trouble. A man was over to see Mr Dougall to day about it but whether he is to be trusted or not is a question

Two American Government Spies were locked to night one by Alick McMicken and another by a coloured man named Moore and Samuel Port seized them and put them in the Lock-up. They had informed on several women to day buying goods on this side

We had a Council meeting to night but little business was done

My eye is almost well now

The girls are absent at Alick Marks Birthday party at Mr Camerons this evening

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1867.

To day we had a fine day but ~~cold~~ warmer than usual for this season. In the morning it came Mr Dougall gave Judgement in the case of the Pike Creek difficulty about rescuing from a Bailiff he fined each of them $15 and costs

Then we had the case of Happy Jack stealing from Stewart he was sent to the Sessions for trial and was also sent to the Sessions for stealing a watch

We sent the man from Sandwich East also to the Sessions for trial for stealing a shirt from One Mulloy

There seems to be some Fenian trouble brewing some way or another but what it will amount to is hard to say.

To night we had the Fire Engine out and it was a great success the way it worked but the Hose was quite leaky at the joints

We had the Methodist tea meeting to night and we had a very good time of it I said a few words and the speaking was generally very laudatory and very much to the credit of Mr Bixby I was glad of it I had quite a sore throat at night was hardly able to swallow

To day the weather was still cold and backward for this season of the year
We had very little Police business to day I discharged some of them and we let them go
I was still a little under the weather my throat is not entirely well by any means and I feel as though something was wrong with my system
Mary was very ill with toothach to day in fact miserable and she went down and had it pulled out by Dentist Smith
We had prayer meeting to night and Session meeting afterwards a session meeting which was a little stormy Mr Bishop having found fault with the payment of his salary Mr Cunningham threatened to resign the treasurership I am very sorry at anything disagreeable in ours and I am very certain that there are few churches that ~~would~~ do pay their minister better than ours indeed I do not know any one that does it. No news of any importance unless it be in England the great plethora of money

To day it is a warm nice day all day

I was busy all day today at one thing or another but I dont seem to get through with my work very fast

There is no news of any importance that I hear at present The Globe is full of politics and strong for Party Government in favour of starting things right

Ritualism at the present time in the Christian Church seems to be kicking up considerable of a fuss The Church of England appears to be shaken from its circumference to its centre by it and will only be satisfied so its said until it subdues the whole Church

Poor little Ellie is not yet well by any means

The Phelps people next door went away today to settle in Wyandotte below Detroit they were nice quiet neighbours as we ever had

Helen and I went to see a Panorama of some part of the war and the Black Crook it was rather a poor affair

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1867.

Today the weather threatened rain a little but it did not come Seemed Poor to day went and released a child that was bound hand and foot in an upper room in a House in MacDougal Street.

In the evening when the woman came home she was arrested and locked up something like two hundred people turned out against her such was the excitement caused by the cruelty to the child I made out warrants to remand them for Mr Cameron and Shipley tomorrow as I was to leave tomorrow for Amherstburg to the agricultural meeting

Mr Harrison the agent of the Grand Templers a Temperance order was here to day but I think he did not get any gathering worth the speaking about so I understood.

We had no singing tonight as I was not near ready to take the matter up and some came and went away again

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1867.

To day the day was fine and
warm (the entire day
I started on my Journey to Amherstburg
with Luke Montreuil about half
after seven oclock and Luke and
his old blind horse got us down
about eleven oclock then we
proceeded to business and as
I expected Amherstburgh got the fair
notwithstanding the offer of $175
towards the premiums we could
not get it Amherstburgh that offered
nothing and never gave nothing
worked against us and got
got my dinner at Conroys and
Luke and I started at half past
the two and it was soon before
we got home it is very tiresome
for an old blind horse to pull
one along I was not well satisfied
with my days work at all
Seen to day that the Bank of England
had reduced its rate of discount
to 2½ percent and was holding about $100000000
in its bullity
Thomas Furby cut off part of Dr
Grassi's Butlers ears to day he is a
little French lad it is horrible Cannibal
it like
old Mrs Mason died last
night at Sandwich at Mrs Mears

To day the weather was fine all day very good
We had Mr Clark the agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society preaching to us he preached a very good sermon indeed he came out bold flat footed on the great Questions of the day such Ritualism and Romanism and all the other isms and preached a nice sermon in every way

In the afternoon we had the Sabbath School and I could not stay all the time as James Noble and I went down to Sandwich to his mothers funeral there was quite a large turn out

In the evening Mr Kemp preached a very beclouding sermon on Faith it lacked clearness very much indeed and was not satisfactory at all he kept floundering about at a great rate

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1867.

To day we had it quite
warm and fine today
Mr Dougall sat at the
police Court in the absence of
Coursol who is still very unwell
There was one case of assault
and Battery between a Soldier U S
by the name of McCarthy and
a fellow by the name of
Clark Boyle who is cabinet maker
Dougall gave him time to pay
his fine.
The rest of the day I began to
write up my work for the Quarter
Sessions of the Peace in making
out my Convictions
Mr Clarke went round today
collecting for the Missionary
Society that is the French Society
Mr Kemp went down to [illegible]
and on the Cars to the Synod
at Eleven oclock along with the Ministers
The Fenians keep the Yankees
dancing about so that he has
no time scarcely given to anything
in these parts in order that the Govt may as
[illegible] No news of any importance otherwise
the Govt have again been defeated on
something about the Reform Bill
We had quite a case today in the
examination of witnesses about the
child beating by Mrs Thomas

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1867.

To day the weather was warm and nice and in fact it is only now begining to get up for corn

To day Mr Shipley took the magistrate's place and he ~~fi~~ fine a man by the name of Hart $10 on account an assault on Mathew Welley as a Constable. he was sent to Gaol for twenty days

No news of any importance to day

I was busy with my Inventions and so I kept on all day at them Carson is still sick I wrote about being appointed ~~a~~ Magistrate to Mr Cameron who has some power with the Govt in doing so

No need of me being appointed if Carson gets well but if he dont get well then I might as well have it as not.

Heard that Mr Muntons son in law was quite sick after his tour and was quite [illegible] fevered

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm indeed and very sultry.

We had no cases of any moment to day requiring a magistrate so that I was therefore enabled pursue my way in my work very well. I got a good few writings made and getting ready as fast as I can for the sessions.

Gave Laurie my paper to day on the agricultural society. I hit it off a little but was rather moderate in all that I said about it. Mr Swanell him not ~~[illegible]~~ allow any one to attack me privately on the subject.

Nothing bothered me for a long time so much as our prayer meeting this evening. I was quite unable to master my subject very well at all and I laboured to a good deal of disadvantage but it all came right afterwards.

I see that Rev ~~Mr~~ Proudfoot was appointed moderator on the ~~subject~~ to the Synod.

David Inglis sermon was on isms of the day a good deal of that kind of argumentation a tremendous thunderstorm the worst I must ever saw at least I mean the storm of rain and it was intensely warm at the same time

We had Dougall sitting as magistrate today and he sentenced Harriet Cummings to Gaol as a vagrant She had been picked up the night before

I was very busy with my writing I was very nearly through with all errors but did not get quite done

There is not much doing at the Synod as yet but committees and other matters very little discussion and very little of any thing of moment

Dr Kemp has not appeared to take any part yet but has likely been reserving himself until something big come out of it

No other news of any importance except it be that in England there is a great plethora of money with the English people Bank of England discount at 2½ percent

Still showery after the rain of yesterday but still dry weather indeed

Received a package of Pamphlet to day from the Recep but not a word about a [illegible]

We went all to singing this evening and had a very fair practice of singing indeed in fact they sung very well

The Shepley sent a man named John Johnston a vagrant kind of man to Isabel and in fact he seemed to me to be an entire fool altogether

The Synod refuses to do any thing about the deceased wife's sister at all they have turned the man out of the church and will not allow him to come in again so they say at least and such was the ruling of the highest court in the land

I have got my third volume of the Cyclopedia Biblizana it is excellent I was reading about the article on the Sabbath

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1867.

To day the weather was real warm and nice the crops are making rapid progress

There was no business at the Police Court to day & I got almost all the convictions made out as well as the return of the last [illegible] Sessions legislature it was a long list to be made out

Got a Telegraph from Mr Kemp that Mr Wardrop is to preach and to meet him at the Train

At the appointed time we met him at the Train and he went across the river to see a son of his who is with Wheeler and Johnson.

Francis Noble came up to day and brought Mariam and Bebee and a boy named Thomas [illegible] (when she saw Thomas she thought he was confirmed in consumption and she could scarcely contain herself from crying all the time he was here) nothing seems to do the fellow any good, they went to James Elliots to supper

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1867.

To day the day was very warm indeed and towards night it was quite sultry

Mr Wardrope preached a really good sermon from the words "Jesus passeth by" a magnificent sermon in fact he is evidently a man of no common power

In the afternoon we went out and distributed our papers after the Sabbath School

In the evening we had an excellent sermon from the words "Flee unto the strong holds ye prisoners of hope" or something like that he spoke of the mountain fastnesses and was really very good indeed all his illustrations very apt indeed

Thomas Noble and his wife stayed with us tonight she has quite a troublesome young one and he poor fellow coughs a good deal a very heavy hollow cough

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1867.

The weather was still very hot indeed in fact it is scorching hot

On Friday the organ question was practically settled by sending down the same to presbyteries and sessions

I got my questions all ready to day and sent Carrons lot to be signed by him and I made up Dougall and Shepleys lot we have a great many this session

No news of much importance to day had a nice chat with Mr Wardrope to day he promised to send me the piece of poetry he ended his sermon with the melancholy Days passeth by

To [illegible] night we had a council meeting and we put the collectors business a shade further ahead than it is at present we had a good deal of talk but no fighting

Mr Morton's son in law Mr Lightfoot is not expected to live so it seems I went to call upon them in the absence of Mr Kemp who ought to have been there

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1867.

To day the weather was intensely warm in fact quite sultry

We had no Police business to day of any moment

All our Returns went to the Sessions to day of long tried

Mr Mortons Son in Law Mr Lightfoot died to day at noon I was there a few minutes before he died

I telegraphed to quite a number of people to day for Mr Morton and wrote some notes to those who I telegraphed to. Mr Kemp it appears is quite ill at the house of Mr Brown in Toronto and cannot be here to attend the funeral of Mr Lightfoot

Poor Annie is very unable to bear her heavy affliction

I got Mr Hurst to say the funeral service over his remains to morrow

No body what is Speaking of the great bereavement to the young wife

We had a few friends at tea tonight amongst whom was Miss Williams Miss Mc Morris Miss Woodbridge and Miss Kemp

I see the Synod has done a silly mean affair about the organ in ordering out the Montreal Organ

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm and sultry and rather uncomfortable and very like another storm although it turned off by the north side of the river

We had only one case at the Police Court today of any moment Lavin is still sick and unable to be present at the Court.

In the afternoon at four o'clock the funeral of Lightfoot took place there was a large concourse of people present

I hired a buggy and took Willie Gertie & me Rev Mr Hurst read the funeral service and made a few very appropriate remarks on his early death on the necessity of being prepared for everything and anything that might happen

Mrs Morton and Mrs Lightfoot did not go out to the funeral

No news of any importance the universal regret of every body appears to be ~~that~~ for the untimely death of Poor Lightfoot

We had no prayer meeting to night on account of Mr Wheldon not giving it out at ~~[illegible]~~ on Sunday

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1867.

To day the weather was still warm & an sultry but no rain came although showers appeared to go round in all directions.

I was busy to day copying my assessment Roll for the County Clerk in order to get it ready for the County Council if possible.

No news of any importance

I wrote a short sketch of Lightfoot and his life and death to Laurie's paper and I read it to Mr Lucas he was satisfied with it so I put it in

Saw Annie Morton to day she seemed more composed, than she was yesterday Mrs Curry had her out riding I understood today

But such has been the talk about her being out ~~but~~ that she ~~was~~ will not likely do it again

No news of any importance that I have heard to day.

Lydia Bell has been here all the week since Tuesday she is a very nice girl

To day the weather was very warm and sultry as it has been all the week
This morning Professor Young came and examined the Grammar School and was fairly pleased with the School and I put in a word for such as teachers wanting to pass the examinations and he took a note of it
In the afternoon I got a Telegraph from Cameron about supplying the pulpit with preaching and I went across the river and tried to get one to occupy the pulpit but did not succeed however I got Dr Atterbury ~~who [illegible] two~~ or rather found out his House to go back in the morning
To night a Lodge of Good Templars was established in Windsor and James Cheyne and his Sisters are chief people in it George Matthews was made the Chief
To night we had a good singing practise although there was not many of us present

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1867.

To day it was quite warm
but still no rain
In the morning I went over
and found Dr Atterbury who was
quite willing to come and occupy
the pulpit
The rest of the day ~~was~~
~~[illegible]~~ I was busy with my Roll for
copying as fast as I could for County
Clerks
The Globe all the week has
been taken up with meetings
of Churches and I thought it
looked exceedingly bad to see such
discussions before the Churches as
the paltry affair of taking the
organ out of Knox's Church
Montreal or the discussion
in the Episcopal Synod about
vestments or the discussion
in the Methodist Church about
letting men not educated preach
truly the ministers more than
any other body do not possess
all the common sense in the
world
We did not have Mr Burnet at the Police Court

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cool all day wind from the east

Dr Atterbury preaches exceedingly well his sermon in the morning was on the words he has hid it from the wise and prudent and revealed it unto Babes a good sound sermon

On the afternoon we had a good Sabbath School and we used the Melodian in the church with the School

In the evening we had a sermon from him about building the house on a Rock and a very good one it was in fact it was a clear exposition of the whole duty of man in that respect about ~~the~~ living the Gospel

But unfortunately the poor Doctor ~~did not~~ got a bad chill as he was going into the pulpit which hung on him!

To day the weather was most intensely hot and sultry and in the afternoon we had a most tremendous rain in fact a perfect flood

We had only one case to day we sent the man to sail until Thursday that is the supply did not come must try them

The County Council met to day and adjourned because Chairman was not present.

Captain Clinton had a child born to day just in the midst of the terrible storm and Helen who was going to ride down with me in fact got an awful drenching for her bonnet literally spoiled and in fact so that it is of no use

I read out the parts of the Story Alec Forbes of Howglen in the Scottish American it is well done and of very great power in some instances quite graphic and natural

No news of any importance unless it be that a boy of John Stephens in Detroit died of Hydrophobia caused by the bite of a dog of Dr Suggs some five weeks ago

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1867.

To day the weather was pretty warm although not so warm as yesterday towards night it got quite Cool and chilly

We had no Police business to day and I was glad of it I got along very well with my Poultry

I also howed all the walks in the garden and put in the gravel it made it look a great deal better but I blistered my hands in the operation,

The County Council met to day and Knights great report was made up and read before the Council it was an able report one which gave entire satisfaction so it is said but he asks a great deal for doing it something like $1000 for his share and Whyte $750 for his share which to my mind is really ridiculous but he swears he will have it whether they like it or no

Lydia Pole is not well she was quite sick at her stomach to day I think it is the water of the well that is having its effect upon her

The Brown Reformers had a great meeting last night Hamilton in which it was argued that the Coalition must come to an end

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1867.

To day the weather was mild and cool all day to day but dry

Mr Carr came to the Office for the first time in four weeks and of over. we sent two men to Gaol one for being drunk and exposing his person and another for trespass on the Great Western Railway that was all the Police business we had but a crazy woman from the Asylum which I sent her back again

~~at~~ Noon to day I had put into my hands a Fi Fa against the Sheriffs goods &c I wrote to the Sheriff about it and set him in an awful stew about it so he went to ~~the~~ Shipley about it but I did not seize or do anything about the affair until the weather has a chance to make some proposition to the Council about it

In the evening we had the prayer meeting and I discoursed to them a little on the Epistle to Philemon About Paul sending back Onesimus a servant to Phylemon I got along pretty well I did not have any assistance Uncle James Buttar was not there and I asked Uncle Shepherd but he declined

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1867.

To day the weather was dry all day and fine but quite moderate as to heat

We had one case to day at Police Court in the case of Jackson who was accused by one Mumford of stealing a Pocket book he was let go because he was not shown to have taken it from the person of Mumford

No news of any importance to day unless it be that Birmingham in England was in the hands of an Anti Popish Mob for sometime until ~~the~~ Military got there who put it down forthwith.

I was busy at my Roll to day

Mr Fleming came home this evening he seems a little exhausted but will not preach on ~~monday~~ Sunday Mr Brown and I went up to see him — The girls had quite a collection of girls tonight as a sort of company or party to Lydia. Lydia is not very well yet.

The General assembly of the Free Church has removed the censure from Mr Smith of Glasgow I got some papers to day from Home

County Council business unimportant to day

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1867.

To day the weather was fine and beautiful to day all day but not too hot.

I wrote in the forenoon at my Roll we had no Magistrate to day Cairn was quite sick and figured again he went across to see Moses Stewart his doctor to get himself some medicine

I went across the river this afternoon to see if I could get assistance in filling our pulpit at [illegible] on Sunday but did not succeed so I came back and put a notice in the paper that there would be no service on Sabbath on account of the Vicar's sickness and the difficulty of procuring assistance

We had a good practice of singing in the evening and although we had not many of the young gentlemen present we had quite a number of young ladies present and I sung bass to them as well as I could

found That the County Council will give us $400 or at least $350 to celebrate the first day of July

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1867.

Today the weather was intensely hot all day and dry and dusty

There was no work of any importance today at the Police Court Myron was present but rather ~~off~~ feeble and not much face with him yet

Today the County Council adjourned by voting the sum of five hundred dollars towards the celebration of the first of July $350 for Windsor $1 for Amherstburgh and $50 for Sandwich so I understand they separated in a regular uproar so I understood

No news of any importance today Revd Dr Thornton who happened to come along promised to give us a sermon tomorrow so I did my best to give it publicity around among the people by posting up notices in different places and otherwise telling them

Mr Rump is not much better yet a very great headache disturbs him

Had Revd John Scott formerly of Oakville at dinner today

There was very little in the papers today

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1867.

To day there was some appearance of rain but the weather was very hot and sultry

Dr Thornton to day gave us one [illegible] the old style of sermons about the angels desiring to look into Christs Word he seems a nice like old man full of animation I should judge he is one of the old school divines

Our Sabbath school was pretty well attended to day but it was very hot work

I went nowhere to church in the evening I read a nice account of the Duchess of Orleans also a nice criticism of Dean Alford on the Galatians and one out of the cyclopedia on the Song of Solomon in which the writer clearly shows that it is not anything else than a sort of drama to show the purity of a Hebrew maid who resisted the blandishments of the King and stuck fast to Shepherd her paramour

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1867.

To day the weather was excessively warm and sultry in fact we were literally roasted almost very little being done

We had no cases before the Police Court to day of any account we were therefore agreeably liberated early

I spend my [illegible] all day until supper

wrote a letter enclosing ten dollars to Mathew Cameron for his opinion

We had a meeting of the council ~~after~~ 7 supper wherein a variety of subjects were discussed at great length and a sum of $150 was were appropriated towards celebrating the Great 1st July being the first day of the new Dominion

Dr Bill was up to day from Colchester and the Leaders are beginning to gather for the nomination tomorrow Mr. Brown inviting us to tea to night and me Bill and him had quite a conversation

The Globe seems to be driving the reform business up as tight as he can it is quite evident that he is determined against coalition as much as possible

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1867.

To day the weather was as hot as ever and very sultry but the rain passed all round us without touching us

We had quite a day in the examination of teachers to day there were something like sixty teachers present and there was quite a variety of people present

The reading as a whole was fair but the derivation and definitions of words were very confused indeed and as a whole their work was not as creditable as was expected several of them were very nervous and lost themselves badly but they got along pretty well it will take them tomorrow all day to get through for the second class and for the First a part of Thursday

The Globe is savage on the coalitionists they will it appears meet Mr McDougall and Mr Howland at Toronto tomorrow taking them a day earlier than the convention

The folks are all on the qui vive about the First and a meeting of citizens was held to [illegible] to do it

Mr Brody was here to supper and Mr Lumber gave him an awful dressing but he stood it well he did not flinch at all

The day was beautiful but very warm indeed and we are much in need of rain

The ~~that~~ Teachers were very busy all day today with their Examinations. Some of them thought them very hard while others thought them just right

The second Class Teachers finished all their papers this afternoon and the Board has been busily engaged in examining their papers and it was done with great care we find there was some of them who did not do as well as they might have done in the matter. There was some very wild work in Geography which makes it hard to understand how little some of the Teachers know about the matter

This afternoon a meeting of the members of Parliament has been held in which the govt that is the liberal members thereof were to explain their reasons and say whether the were worthy of their support or [illegible] not

I was quite unwell all the day I was very bilious indeed

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1867.

Still quite warm an a sultry and some like a shower but it did not come

We were very busy with our work to day in examining papers The Grammar papers / in some were ~~poor~~ watched and in others ~~[illegible]~~ First rate such grade is very good in fact I never saw a better on grammar as there. Rythmic papers we counted 11 3/4 The Young Ladies done well Mrs Seamans Leighton Patons daughter done very well indeed She is a smart woman evidently and understands herself very well and Martha Williams and others were really very good.

No news of any importance excepting that William MacDougale W P Howland and Ferguson Blair had cast in their lot with the Govt And are going to stay there and the members / might take it or lump it just as they please

I felt much better in health to day than yesterday

Weather cooler to day Wind East

All the forenoon examining papers and adjusting certificates some of the papers came out very well indeed with matter and 161 out of 188 which was doing exceedingly well and so did the Ladies namely Mr Williams Fierres Leighton & Baxter & Mearn and some others they were good scholars

After getting through which was about one oclock / we got our pay $8. which is doing very well indeed better than nothing /

/ In the afternoon had a tiff with Marston about us dealing one kind of justice out to the men and one kind to the women which was very bad ~~the~~ thought but he seemed to think it was all right

The convention at Toronto is a great fact and about 600 assembled to discuss the interests of party and they did it well and Messrs Howland and MacDougall were present and gave their views of the situation

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1867.

Still Cool and dry crops beginning to suffer for want of rain

I was busy copying my Roll a good part of the day there was not much of anything before the Court to day

The election matters before the Province are beginning to attract attention all over the country but what will be the result I do not know

We have had a good deal of discussion to day on the Record putting in that Rankin was to be entertained at a dinner on ~~Saturday~~ Monday as the dinner forms no part of the days proceedings in so far as the money of the County council is concerned and it was therefore wrong in saying that it was for Rankin as a complimentary dinner we met and passed a resolution against it to night and ordered a contradiction of the same by a Placard on Monday

In the evening I found that I had done myself grievous bodily harm by saying that Lizzie Burtch was not any better entitled to her certificate than Baltzer was to his

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1867.

To day it was very Hot indeed
and very oppressive
We had Mr Whitcomb Preach
for us twice ~~to day~~ he gave us a
good sermon in the morning but
not quite so good at night
it was more warm during then
the morning they accuse him
of imitating (Dr Afgarth) or trying
to but nevertheless he is a very
pious young man in my estimation
and deserves to be sustained
Mr Johnson the new Methodist
Minister preached to day for
the first time morning and evening

Mr Blackaller and Stout
tracts ~~wf~~ and distributed our Watchman
this afternoon but we were
almost scorched I was exceedingly
bothered to day with a sore throat
by either a sore a grit in my
throat

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1867.

Today was a good warm day
throughout
Being the first of Confederation
day it was ~~thought~~ well calculated
for a good celebration and quite
a number of people were present
The Military paraded and fired
a Feu de joi at twelve oclock
The firemen marched round with
their fire engine all decked up and
the company of callithumpians created
infinite sport amongst the people
by the oddness of their dress they
had a regular procession through
the town at one oclock
Then in the afternoon there was
some sort of games but they
were a failure
Then about five oclock a
regular row began between the
Roughs and the Blacks and
shooting were walking and dishes
were broken and heads were broken
I ran up to fetch at the instance of
Mr Mc Lrown and I got the mayor
and we quelled it in quick order
by the arrest of several of the ringleaders
A good deal of fireworks at night
And then we had a dinner but it
was a complete failure John Freeman
Gibson Dougall and myself spoke at
it John on Independence the rest
defending the Dominion against that

Slept by [illegible] to Night

Lydia Bell Matty Williams and Thomas Bell

A nice day all day

The Lock-up was full and they were all more or less fined excepting one little scamp of a boy who was guilty of something but it did not appear what the town drew in a good deal of money to day more than it has done for sometime in fact it needed such a spree as this to replenish our Treasury

A good deal of fun was exhibited to ~~night~~ day at our extraordinary spree of last night Gibson has been on the spree all all day to day last night was too much for him a baker of Williams was arrested this afternoon for assaulting Doughty yesterday

Politics begins to be a little mixed John O'Connor and Wolfe are to run on the same ticket and are going to be a strong team against Cushman and Rankin so at least it seems to me

I was quite unwell to day from last night and have not been able to enjoy myself very well

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1867.

To day we had it intensely warm and sultry to day but no rain Cause things are burning up for want of rain

I got a note from J. McKellar to send him up two barrels of salt and ~~the~~ I got David Brown and he sent ~~it up~~ them or rather was to send them in the morning

We had the trial to day of MacDonald who struck Dougall on the first Inst. a number of witnesses were examined and it was likely at one time that MacDougal would beat the mayor and get free but Baron would not let him do it and convicted him and made him pay $8 & costs

The Blood thirsty Mexicans are again prominently before the public in the shooting of Maximilian their late Emperor a most disgraceful proceeding as ever was heard of

Politics are again getting very rife and very much mixed Rankin and Cameron are going to be opposed by O'Connor and Wigle so it is said and with some prospect of success

To day it was intensely Hot but a tremendous thunderstorm came on about 12 oclock and cooled off the earth

We have to day the great Natal day of the United State the people of Detroit to day laid the foundation stone of a Soldiers Monument at the Grand Circus

they would not allow the Fenians to march with their arms in the procession to the laying of the stone

We were engaged all day to day or at least for a good while in a Rape case and abominable black case the blacks are very voluptuous creatures in that way

Wrote a note to Mr Ryhan with his bill for the Salt this morning by morning train or rather noon train

The rest of day busy with soliciting poll all day I as busy as I could be

Politics still mixed and becoming more so it appears to me I am quite satisfied that Cummings and Rankins chances are not half so good as they were before Oborn came into the field

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1867.

The ground much refreshed
after the rain but still we require
more rain as soon as possible as
the rain fell so rapid yesterday
that it run off a good deal
There was a regular Irish
row at the Police Court this
morning John Egan and his
neighbours had a regular scrimmage
and it just a regular set to one
in which there was a good deal
of Irish feeling in it Informations
were made / so we may expect
it tomorrow
To night we did not have
any singing on account of rain
but there / appears to have been
a Bombshell thrown into the
camp amongst Keightley had
written to Cameron that his pit
friends had kicked over the traces
and were going to throw him
overboard so / Cameron Alex Cameron
Donald McLagan McEwen went
to Hawkins to see him what
the upshot will be I do not know
Andrew Duncanson was
shot yesterday in Chicago so
it is said/
Mr Kemp is much better and
going to preach on Sunday

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1867.

Quite a cool day to day all day wind from the North East and blowing brisk

No case of any moment before the Police Court to day the Irish case was postponed until next Monday we sent a man to gaol for trespass on G W R. Heard that he was one of the parties that stabbed young Duffield but whether that is so or not I cannot say

No news of much moment Rankin was brought up with a round turn last night and what will be the upshot of the matter I do not know with certainty Rankin wants to coalesce with that seems to be the idea and throw off Cameron

Mr Kemp is not so well to day and will not be able to preach next Sabbath as his head troubles him we are going to try and get the old Doctor who is boarding at Mrs MacDonalds to preach

Bought a pair of new prunella shoes to night but could not get boots to suit me

The Globe is full of Blotters Savage on the score because they have made fifteen of a Cabinet

To day the weather has been fine all day and pleasant.

Doctor Corrie (I think that is his name) preached us an admirable Sermon in the morning from the words of the Prophet Isaiah 45 chap 34 In the Lord have I righteousness and strength. It was really a very fine Sermon that he gave us and he alluded to the Shorter Catechism and the "Marrow of Modern Divinity". The clear enunciation of the good old Doctrine made us all feel good.

After Sabbath School I along with Helen went up to Daniels Nobles Mr Kemps and Mrs Davis ~~aunt~~ to see the sick folks

In the evening the Rev Mr Sloan preached a vigorous discourse on Jacobs words "And Jacob waked out of his sleep and he said "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not" His prevailing idea was God is to be found in everything. Jacob found God in the plains of Macedonia Joshua at Jericho Paul going to Damascus, The Philosopher in his Philosophy the man of Science in his Science. Mr S speaks with great force and power rather lengthy but full of matter and full of vigour and will under the blessing of God do much good

Helen feels quite unwell with a pain in her breast tonight

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cool and threatened rain but none came although heavy showers went all arround us

There was some work at the Police Court to day which did not amount to anything; as there was nothing came out of it but the Segul Dan Bush row

I was busy making up my Chanty account to this date and, ~~at~~ amounted to $575 for up to the 8th July which is a good deal

Had a chat about Politics with Cameron to day he seems to think that Brown is all wrong and Mc Dougall and Co all right but he seems all shaky ~~about~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Rankin here

The Globe is evidently savage on the Ministry He went off to West York to pursue Howland and he was evidently too much for Howland and got Howland mad but the meeting did not amount to much as due notice had not been given

A meeting of the Council was held tonight but very little work was done Dragall was not there

Helen was much better to day and also in better spirits than she did ~~for~~ last night William Webster left Windsor tonight

Our Collector Marantette is in a mess

Wednesday ~~TUESDAY~~, JULY 10 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day and looked a little like rain

There was no case before the Police Court today except three delinquents who were bathing off Doufalls dock and they were let go on the payment of costs

The rest of my time I was busy with my voters lists

In the afternoon I went and procured tickets for a Scotchman and his family ~~from~~ for Cleveland Ohio I also at the same time bought the pen I am now writing this with it is a good gold pen worth $2.63

I was a kind of sick in the afternoon but got better towards night

About seven o'clock this evening was sent for to the Hirons House and found a man named Frank Slaney a conductor on the Great Western Railway dead he died this afternoon of I suppose sheer weakness he had been sick for sometime and was after a spree so I should suppose

Mr Fraser and I crossed the river this evening and we only just got back with some friends of his about an hour ago now a quarter to 12 oclock. I am to hold an Inquest at nine oclock tomorrow morning

Thursday ~~WEDNESDAY~~, JULY 10, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm and very sultry and some showers went round

We had a case to day of assault and battery from Walkertown and we fined the woman four dollars and costs

I held an Inquest on the Body of Frank Slaney the verdict was died by the visitation of God the body was sent to Toronto by the Great Western noon train to day

In the afternoon I was busy with my voters list and assessment Roll

Jno Whyte got Marentette to put in all his duties to day that is all the warrants which he had in his possession he now retains in his hands I am quite satisfied about $4000 of the money of the Town in his possession which is positively disgraceful and beyond endurance

Political rumours quite thick to night one is that Alex Cameron is provincial secretary and one of the Government of Ontario John Sandfield being the Premier will it is thought give him the secretaryship

It is said Ematilie Sorby is to be married next week and it is said Miss House is also to be married to Charles Parent in a short time

Tuesday ~~THURSDAY~~, JULY ~~11~~ 9, 1867.

To day the weather was very cool and
pleasant
To day we had only one negro case
which was settled by a confession and
a conviction
A fellow one of the Artillery
company had destroyed his rifle and
was arrested he came up and settled
the matter with Wynn and paid the
costs and was let go there is no doubt but
that the fellow had placed his rifle in
the ground and fired it and split the
barrel
I was busy posting my books
today to see my indebtedness to the
town or to see the Town's indebtedness
to me
No news of any importance except
the political struggles in Toronto and
West York I think Brown is rather
heavy on Howland and MacDougall
Read a bit of Rob Roy [illegible]
to Ma who never heard it before
Nothing transpired in our local
politics for a day or two Rankin
gone to Kingsville to day to see the
Gosfield folks and will doubtless
try to negotiate with Wigle

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1867.

To day the weather was quite changed
and chilly and the wind blowing very
cold from the North East
Our Police business was light to day
and I was pleased with it I got along
very well with my voters lists I
also made out all Marantettes Warrant
to day and had a general settlement with
him he is indebted to the Town to the
best of my knowledge something $3500
which is the worst defalcation we have ever
had since the town was in existence
what he will do poor fellow when the
thing dawns upon his mind it is
hard to say
I made out a return to day [illegible]
Government of all the cattle sheep pigs
horses and dogs and bitches in the Town
and mailed it
Then went to the Excursion of the
School children on the Argo we went
to the Island and had an hour and
a half swinging and running about
but it was almost too cold for us
on the boat we got home all right
by nine o'clock
I heard that [illegible] $60 McIntyre
$60 and Innes $60 have all failed
to day whats true of it or not I cannot
say
Bible Society meeting tonight thinly
attended addressed by Mr Goldsmith &

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold all day although the afternoon was warmer than in the forenoon

We had no Police business today of any moment

I went across the river today to the Cass Hotel in the forenoon to see whether any of them knew anything about Slaney's wife and family but they did not know anything about the matter whatever

In the afternoon I worked as tight as I could write my roll for County Clerk's Office

Poor Louis Normandin dropped down dead this morning before breakfast ~~then~~ He worked yesterday all day and apparently was quite well about, this morning when he just dropped down on the floor and said that he was dying and never breathed again. Poor old fellow he is to be denied the rights of the Catholic Church because he has not been at confession or at Church for sometime so his remains must be in unconsecrated ground

In the afternoon Miss Clement our next door neighbour has been married to Mr Girdleston ~~[illegible]~~ a baggage master at Great Western Railway. Such is the world one is in the house of mourning and the other in the House of mirth

Political news unimportant no ministry in either Ontario & Quebec

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1867.

Today the weather was still cool and dry and the wind from the East

Mr Goldsmith the agent of the Bible Society preached this forenoon and he did it well he took his text from Hosea and took the similitude of the Mother caring for her child and learning him to walk and after it had walked it it became more vigorous for and he finished each and did the subject Justice

I went up after our own Sunday School to Waldenville to the ~~Sabbath~~ School there and spoke to the Children for a few minutes and they seemed pleased in the afternoon I called in at Aunt Betsy's and found her quite sick just recovering from an attack of what must have been an attack of Cholera Morbus

In the evening Mr Goldsmith gave us a good Sermon and one full of great interest and power from the words of the 53 of Isaiah "and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand he just preached one hour and a quarter, but no one could have got *tired* because he was really very interesting and illustrated his subject well

Louis Normandin was Buried today and not a word was said at his funeral

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1867.

To day the weather was quite lowry and Sultry and there was a slight shower about noon to day but it cleared off towards night

To day we had only one case at the Police Court Jack Moffat and he was fined

No news of much moment to day we ~~want~~ have no Govt for Ontario yet and not likely to have one they want a Coalition Govt for this Province and if they get one they will effectually kill out everything in the shape of Coalition in ~~Govt~~ Ontario I saw Rankin to night and he is of the same opinion and thinks John Sandfield has made a great mistake as Brown will kill any Govt that is of a Coalition nature in the western Province The Globe is extremely savage on the whole affair and opens the door yet to make a better choice if possible

Mrs Hays Mr Sykes daughter went to ~~Ottawa to~~ St Catherines to night to try and get cured by Dr Mack but Helen is afraid she will never come home again

Was busy with assessment Roll for County Clerks Office to night Lowry ta took it down to add it up

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1867.

To day the weather was warm and fine but towards night it came cold again

No Rohn business this morning of any moment

I was busy the rest of the day in making out my voters lists except so much of the time as Mr Baron sent me on a wild goose chase after Louis Normandins death or rather cause of death His sister got it into her head that his wife had murdered him by beating him on the spine and that the marks on his ~~face~~ spine had been seen after death But on enquiry I found it was not so and that there was not a tittle of evidence to sustain the matter,

There is no government in Ontario formed yet and Mr John Sandfield is doing his best to form a coalition govt which the Leader says will be formed tomorrow If he does he will play into Browns hands gloriously and will just as surely end in it being upset as can be the whole affair is an awful farce from beginning to end

Young Shaw was married last night to Mrs Murray John Askin's sister

I wrote to Mrs Pluny enclosing the accounts of Mr Batty for coffin and Hirams for Board-

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1867.

To day the weather was cool all day it would be good harvest weather

No case before the Police Court to day of any moment

I went to Sandwich in the forenoon to see Mr Mullen and he promised to pay me next Tuesday or Wednesday at the farthest and so I came home and left it in that way

~~It~~ would appear that a Govt has been formed at last consisting of Stephen Richards John Carling and John Sandfield McDonald as attorney general thus ensuring a regular mongrel affair in fact a patched up thing of no moment as far as I can see one of the worst make shifts that we have had The Globe is very savage on John S and pitching into him like a thousand of brick and says the Govt will not stand the first breath of wind

Emeline Kirby was married to day and left tonight for California with her Lover Mark Hudson he is about 3 years younger than her but withall a pretty nice young fellow

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cool and
Wind a little east
Sent one man to Goal to day for being
drunk and disorderly, he is a Pensioner named
Michael Flanagan
I got all the accounts against the Butchers ready
to day and handed them into Shiel to be sued
at the next Division Court on the first of August
Joseph Winter will not pay his licence and
so I shall have to make an information against
him The new Coalition Government is already
in what may be called the weakness and is
in some danger of departing this life at
the first meeting of the new House of
Ontario the Govt are moving heaven and
earth to make things smooth for the Coalitionists
but whether it will succeed or not is another
question There will be evidently stirring
times before elections are over Some
say John O'Connor is coming out while
others say he is not Should not be
surprised if he did
They are to have a meeting to night
to bring Sandy Cameron out at once
Farmers at present are in the midst
of their harvest and a good crop of
all the Cereals is confidently expected
Fall Wheat never looked better so
it is said

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1867.

The weather looked like rain to day a good deal but it finally passed off without coming and cleared off again

There was no Police work to day of any importance no one was in the Lock Up although a wild creature was put in this evening and yelled and screamed at such a rate that the mayor ordered the two night watchmen to take her out and taken to the boat and send her across the river

I finished my assessment Roll and sent it down to the County Clerk's Office to night

We held a meeting of the Board of School Trustees to ~~day~~ night and passed the Estimates for the current Year

The Political situation remains unchanged John Sandfield McDonald still keeps going on ~~in~~ with his cabinet half made out and how he will get along with it that way remains to be seen

We are suing all the Butchers at present for the first of August next at the Division court

No news of any importance further than that a Naval Review took place yesterday at Spithead for the benefit of the Sultan of Turkey

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm towards Afternoon and clear and dry all day good for harvest

No Police work today of any moment R A Whyte and I are busy with Non Resident Land list we kept on at it until four Oclock

There is not much news in town Fall Wheat said to be very good and the Farmers are just getting it in as fast as they can I received a Letter today from Mrs F Slaney enclosing $37 50 in a Post Office order being $12 50 for Mr Hoops and $25 to Beatty for Coffin and dressing which I paid and enclosed the accounts receipted to Mrs Slaney at Toronto to day. Politics in the papers are beginning to run high John S. has not been able to get another Conservative and Reformer yet to take Office with him although he is on his travels through the constituencies.

The President sent in last night to Congress a veto on the Reconstruction bill characterizing the military rule in the South as being as bad as the worst despotism we could conceive of the message is called a pungent document Sumner and Butler both say he should be impeached

Mr Kemp proposes to preach tomorrow ~~For~~ The Methodists are to occupy the Hall as their church is to be enlarged and is now pulled to pieces

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1867.

Today the weather was very warm and sultry all day.

I arose in the morning and was quite unwell but towards night I was much better and in fact at the time of writing am ravenous for something to eat but I am going to exercise self denial enough to keep from eating

Mr Kemp preached today for the first time in seven Sabbaths and we were all glad to see and hear him he spoke low but distinct enough to be heard all through the church. It was chiefly on the uses of affliction that he spoke. and he made a very good application of the whole subject

Our Sabbath School was filled to overflowing today and the interest was generally pretty good and well kept up

Mr Mc Lowen Preached a Splendid sermon in the evening on Christ coming to save sinners and it was well done and he was not lengthy neither

Helen today read me a beautiful story called the Honest Heart and [illegible] much pleased with it

To day the weather was intensely warm somewhere I believe about 90 in the shade a fine shower in the afternoon

I was busy all day with the non resident tax sale and got it finished and Mr Whyte will take it down to Wright to morrow it will amount to $25 for the present year

We are all on the qui vive in regard to Politics Sandy Cameron is intensely disliked by the people of the Townships on account of his land speculations so we understand Says so that I think the sooner he gets out the better if he is to run at all

The new Government of Ontario was formed on Saturday with the addition of Matthew C Cameron and E B Woods of Brantford and the Globe says that a precious mess they have made of the Cabinet they are in ecstasies over the appointments

We had a meeting of the Council to night and the Auditors Report was brought in which showed that Macnaughton was behind hand to the Council to the extent of $4867 or thereabout which is really a great deal and he is deserving of great censure for being thus behind

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1867.

To day the weather has been excessively warm and Sultry but no rain

We sent one woman to Gaol to day who had been drunk the night previous

The rest of the day I was writing minutes and making out warrants no news but a general speculation of how the treasurer was likely to pay his defalcation but he seems not to be able to see wherein the defalcation could have taken place so he wants another review to go over the matter with Whyte

Political news of to day unimportant excepting that there are ominous hints that Mr. Killam is likely to get beat which would be a bad thing but it only comes from the Coalitionists which is a bad source

Lissy very much perplexed about going down to Colchester as James Cheyne and Miss Kemp and Sarah Cheyne and Fred Rice have all gone down to day and she does not care about being down if Sam Keships was there it would be rather disagreeable to she seems to think

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm and sultry all day but cloudy and about half after nine at night it commenced to rain

we were busy in investigating a case of Burglary and also of Robbery a man by the name of Murray was one and Kennedys son Alfred was the other. they were remanded until to morrow Robisons House had also been robbed and about $5 in money taken and also some rings, by it is said the same parties

Nothing there intervening the whole family went on the Firemens excursion to Amherstburgh at two oclock we got down about four oclock and left Lizzy at Mrs Bruces to stay awhile the Scurvy treatment ~~they~~ Barbara received from ~~two~~ Miss Kemp and Sarah Cheyne we got back from the excursion all right about ten oclock at night in the midst of a shower of rain

People in Amherstburgh are strong in favour of Sandy Cameron and are coming up to morrow to have him nominated

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1867.

To day the weather was somewhat broken very warm but raining all day at intervals

We were engaged a good part of the day in investigating the Rowson burglary case and a dreadful bad case it was what poor Mrs Rowson must have suffered by having the scoundrel ransacking her house and threatening her life for 4 mortal hours namely from 1 oclock until 5 threatening her life all the time hanging was too good for the villain

They that is Kennedy's son and Murray were both committed on the coloured womans case and Murray on Rowson

This was the day of the great Scotch games but weather spoiled the sport however I understand that the Canadian highlanders carried off the day in the prizes

Not much Political news tonight Sandy Cameron disappointed ~~both~~ of the meeting of his friends to day very much and annoyed them a good deal

John A and John S was at London last night speaking to a crowd composed equally of the two parties

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1867.

To day the weather was much cooler off from yesterday but still warm

No Police business to day at all

I finished the papers in the case of Mrs Gorsom versus John Murray ready for the County attorney the rest of the day was at the Collectors Roll, I got down as far as finishing D in first ward that is in copying in names I am going to persevere as much as possible until I finish it

I gave Laurie a discription of Mrs Gorsons case of Burglary as also the Coloured woman and the ~~[illegible]~~ Freemans excursion to day for his paper to morrow.

The Political news is that Alex Cameron & Cameron & Mc Murken and A Mc Swan went to Amherstburg to day round the county ~~and~~ for the purpose of trying to see how Camerons prospects are on the Lake Shore

The MacDonalds were at Chatham last night to try and settle the difference between the contending parties against Mc Kellar but I understand they could not do it and therefore he will have the easier victory

Brown goes bravely on in his canvass in South Ontario they try to get all the big guns they can scare up against him but it is all to no purpose he spoke for five hours last night at Brooklyn in Ontario

Got a letter from Barbara tonight

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1867.

Today the weather was very warm and sultry at one time I thought it would be rain but none came

We sent one Police Court bird to Gaol but another paid will so we were some the better in purse for that

A man was drowned last night who belongs to the Great Western Railway he was engaged in repairing a dock for the company and was in bathing soon was seized and lost his life Truly it may be said in the midst of life we are in death

I did not overtake much of my work today Mr Kemp was ill and I had to go and see him until fortunately I got Mr Mr Logan to Preach for us in the morning Mr Kemp is bad of Rheumatism

A good deal of commotion in the political world of Canada I am afraid that things are not going on as they should be. And it is difficult to see whether our difficulties will be got out of under our present arrangements there is not much news of any importance Except another speck of war on the European horizon between Prussia and France and England might be drawn in

Rankin is very much afraid of OConnor in this County

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1867.

To day the weather was warm and windy the most of the day there was quite a heavy shower when we came out of church

In the forenoon Mr McLaren preached a most excellent sermon from the words of the 7" & 8" verses of the V chap of Romans "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us"

He began by telling us what the just or righteous man was that he raised no enthusiasm and that therefore none would die for him but for such a one as Florence Nightingale with the Crimean soldier the brave stalwart soldier would die for her she was good and therefore as the apostle says some would even dare to day

But God commendeth his love commendeth it in the way as a tradesman would his wares by praising it that while we were yet sinners Christ died ~~die~~ for us

The whole sermon was well done exceedingly well done. I have benefited much by the sermon

I then held Sabbath School and read a letter on Prayer from the Grayson Letters And so ended the Sabbath I was very much pleased the day

Mary and Max went hear Mr Johnson

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold from the North all day and quite clear

Was busy at my Roll all day with the exception of sometime that I was bothered with hunting up Mr Mullen about his bill to Oleomm

There was not much news to day of any sort Some uneasiness ~~at~~ on the Continent of Europe about war &c and funds drawn a little on that account

The Gold Market here is very high and what is the reason it is hard to see $1.40 5/8 to night is as high as it was in the beginning of 1865 two years ago

George Brown is carrying all before him in Ontario so says the Globe but the Leader says the contrary and will insist that he cannot get in for Ontario but time will tell

Mr and Mrs Chas Lowry were at tea tonight and we had quite a chat, the good sermon we had from him yesterday has done me more good than any sermon I have heard this long time

A meeting for cemetery purposes was held this evening in the Town Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1867.

To day the weather was good but cool
a little cloudy towards night

Sent one man to Jail to day for
drunkenness, or rather gave him a chance
to behave himself but holds the warrant
of Commitment over his head

I was busy all day with my Roll
and I have just quit to write this
at 11 O'clock at night but I have
progressed as far as No 57 in Second
Ward

Helen and Clara Ruddiman came
~~yest~~ today they had been a trip up the
Lake's on the Concord Propeller they seem
ruddy and healthy over it Helen went
home this evening but Clara stayed until
she gets a chance off home.

Got a letter from Aunt Spence tonight
a very good one indeed I sent for
Bills Law Stamps to day and registered and
paid it

Cameron and his friends came back
to night much pleased with their
Journey and they have great encouragement
and will without fail carry the Election
so they say

Poor Little Allie was quite unwell
all last night and threatened cholera
badly but this morning we rubbed him
down with a sponge and dry towel
and put on the wet girdle and he was
better

To day the weather was a kind of cloudy and miserable and it rained all ~~night~~ the forenoon

We had Robbie Fairbairn and a servant man with him the man wanted his wages and he did not want to give it to him because he left before his time and Robbie beat him under that head, and the case was dismissed I went to Sandwich this morning and I got no farther ahead with Mr Mullen than before in in the peculiar writs I have against his sister

There is great political doings ~~at~~ to night O'Connor is out against Rankin and Wigle against Cameron as a combination both are at work but Rankin is not so certain of working with Cameron as Wigle is for O'Connor so they have gone to put matters to him to night and will be able to decide the whole affair by tomorrow and if he does not then Rankin is as sure to be defeated as possible because the Cameron men are going to run against him and he will feel the effects of it

The two Miss Buchanans are staying with us to night on their way to Chatham to morrow morning to see the Doctor for Louisa

I was bad a part of to day with a bilious head ache

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1867.

To day the weather threatened rain in the morning but cleared off again and then it came quite a shower about 3 oclock in the afternoon but did not stay long raining

This was division court day and we had up the Butchers License business in Court as also the case of the market clerk I think we will get Judgement in all the cases easy they tried some shuffling game but we will set them all up I think

I got Mr Munton to settle his bill to day in the case of the Sheriff against his sister for $111.06 costs which I got upon condition that I withhold the money for the full time I am allowed to hold my writ of Fi Fa

Political matters as thick as mud to day and no conclusions arrived at all as far as I see Oconnor and Wigle are at sixes and sevens and Rankin and Cameron are also at the same and no general understanding is arrived at at all I should not be surprised to Dougall or Mr Mackin out against Rankin so as to kill him as dead as possible I wrote Cameron to night

Read an interesting debate at the 3rd Reading of Reform bill in British Parliament Lord Carnarvon came down heavy on the British Govt, that is Dizzy

Helen Mrs Noble and Mrs Dubois down at Mary Pattersons to day

To day the weather has been cloudy and cool and x wind from the north I do not like the weather for I think it is not healthy

+ I worked busy all day at my Roll to day and got on about half of the Centre Ward

Politics is still very much mixed and the talk to day is that Mr Dougall is going to run against Rankin and O'Connor What the issue will be I do not see Mr Rankin is Run against O'Connor but he does not feel very sure of his position at present Dougall might have a large vote of the kind he usually gets and that would defeat Rankin

A Telegraph came to night from Mr McKellar stating that Mr Dougall and ~~Ran~~ Cameron would be here tomorrow night at 10 oclock so that they may have some influence in settling up the difficulties of our situation

I have some notion of going up to Sarnia on Monday to see Alex Mackenzie and to see whether they are likely to get out a successful opposition to him and have a chat with him generally but whether I can get or not is another question

I saw a letter from Mr Barber to day from Huntly he had been to see Aunt Spence and was much pleased Ma was to see Aunt Spence to day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm and fine in fact good harvest weather

There was no case before the Police Court to day of any moment as far as I ~~[illegible]~~ was concerned there had a case in Sandwich

I got no work done to day of any moment on account of political matters ~~[illegible]~~ MacDougall gave us a long speech in Hall but it was of such a nature that of necessity was a commencement ~~[illegible]~~ beyond doubts and then a long and laboured argument in favor of Government of a non political cast he did not say anything of George Brown of a very bad character but merely thought he was no true patriot because he compelled party strife in other words because he would not be allowed to remain in office very long well his address was a very plausible address utterly non committal as far as either Rankin Cameron or [illegible] ~~[illegible] Smith~~ was concerned so that the thing passed off nicely without any bickering of any nature indeed it was not an offensive speech in any sense of the word to us

Mina went to the [illegible] settlement to day with Clara Ruddiman

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1867.

To day the weather was very beautiful all day

Mr Kemp preached a feeble discourse from the Psalms on the uses of affliction I did not admire it much

Hon. Wm MacDougall was present in church I was a little flattered by him praising my singing he said I sang very well

Sunday School in the afternoon and went to Walkerville in the ~~evening~~ afternoon at 4 oclock no news of any importance to day

Heard Mr Johnston in the evening but I was a little disappointed he is not the man I took him to be he is evidently not much of a student but ~~to~~ a pious man his subject was prayer which I did not think he treated very well

To day the weather was intensely warm and sultry all day thermometer at 90!

No Office business at all at present, that is to day

I was busy writing my Collectors Roll to day and trying to get it ready for the Assessments but it was so hot that I did not know what to do.

No news of any moment to day. William MacDougall went off to Bothwell to day. Mr. Lowe had tried to get him to stay there at Mills but he would not promise to do so so I suppose he is going Mills Pots to night.

Cameron has decided to come out and his address will be out tomorrow morning he is busy manoeuvering among the French to night and will I think soon have it all his own way by shoving Langlois out of the field and putting Cameron entirely in his place in the affections of the French.

Mr. Dougall was astonished that Cameron had not come out sooner with~~out~~ such an active committee as he had.

Barbara came home to day from being across the river

To day the weather was very sultry warm close and wet we had several showers during the night.

To day I have been busy all day in copying my Collectors Roll and will be able to get through I think by Thursday ready for my Rate being struck.

Politics still exciting it appears that Cameron is being falsely dealt with by the Rankin men and that they are trying to keep him in the field against O'Connor Whether that be true or not I cannot tell but it seems like it. A good many of the Lawyers on are trying to wait to get money for the election expenses. A great lot of scoundrels these Frenchmen are they are all for money.

Mr Cameron held his first meeting to night it was a very good meeting he spoke pretty well and Mr Snow made a poor figure Cameron roasted him for his going over to Wigle and Solly Richmond spoke and the Mr Rankin spoke they did pretty well. No news of any importance by the Globe except that the writs are out the Election writ is in the hands of the Returning Officer. Miss Martha Williams went to Toronto to night she has left ~~Toronto~~ ~~for~~ Colchester altogether

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1867.

To day the weather was excessively
warm and sultry but we had no
rain of any moment
I wrote steadily all day at my roll
and will finish to morrow I hope if
all is well
The Politicians are all busy to day
the Rankin men a putting and chatting
and fussing about at such a great
rate any whisper spoken by any man
is bothering them to death last night
in Mr. Mickey made an allusion that
we had not had any member that
had been worth a cent in as far as
anything for the county had been concerned
that no member had been worth a snap
in any thing that he had done since that
and that it was now time that he should
do something that would be useful
I saw the debate on the Reform Bill
to night it occupied a large portion of
the ~~time~~ space of the evening mail.
it is said to be very able
saw a gentleman from Sarnia who
had been a MacDougall and McKenzie
meeting at Sarnia and it appears
it was a splendid success for McKenzie
that he hit MacDougall savagely
Septimus Prince is dead he died
of drunkenness as his brother Albert
through sheer inebriety and drinking
whiskey Barbara received a great disappoint
ment to day in Alex Black not taking her to
Colchester after inviting her

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1867.

To-day the weather was still intensely hot all day I got a good deal of work done finished copying my Roll and had it all complete but the non Resident part of it which will be finished to morrow

In the afternoon we had a heavy afternoon in Police Court trying a man from Bell River who was in possession of a grist mill there and Chisom the proprietor wanted to get him out of it and he stole a lock and key and the fellow hit him over the head with a stick and Chisholm had him taken up for an aggravated assault

Saw by the Globe that Alex Mackenzie had given MacDougall fits at Sarnia in fact had got him so out of humour that MacDougall lost his temper and got mad over it and Alex then carried the meeting splendidly in fact he had the right side

I gave Barbara a Ring last night in order to compensate for her disappointment in going to Colchester

She wrote to Lydia Bell to day telling her that she did not think she would be down to Colchester this year

Septimus Prince was buried to day

To day the weather was still very warm and sultry but no rain

I finished my collectors roll in so far as, copying in the amount was concerned

The Council met and passed the estimates and ordered the prosecution of the Collector for the amount he is in arrears Mr Cameron also stated that he is going to bring in a By Law to repeal the market By Law,

No news of any importance that I have heard of to day the Politicians are all at it down the country and the writs have been issued so that the Elections must soon be on

There is quite a muss between the President and Secretary Stanton the President wants him to resign and he would not resign but will keep Office until the Congress meet

Helen is not very well to day She was troubled last night ~~about~~ with her breast a pain in her breast

There is a good deal of coolness at present between Mrs Cheyne's folks and our folks on account of the usage of Barbara

Police business to day consisted of the case from Belle River

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1867.

A good heavy shower had fallen during
the night and this day it was quite
cool wind from the North
I was busy a little in the morning
in writing up part of minutes and
other matters but I rested more today
than I have done for some time
I made out some summonses to be
served at Walkerton one man we
convicted of being drunk and we
we fined him $2 and costs
In the Evening I empannelled
a Jury on the body of Cyndella
Payne a Colored ~~Woman~~ mans wife
but a white man the woman
had received a heavy blow on the
head from Kate Wilson who had
an affray with her a week ago
I ordered Dr Dawson to make a post
mortem examination of the body
tomorrow before burial so that he might
be able to give an intelligent idea
of how she came to her death
The papers are full of Politics and
they are sometimes interesting and
sometimes not much but I think
a few weeks will get the Elections
over as the writs are out
Mercer came home today from
the settlement and so did Miss
Williams from Toronto she arrived
this afternoon at five oclock by the Train
for Father Hursts

Today the weather was beautiful and God would last all day and clear Sun shone the entire day.

Mr Kemp preached a Sermon in the morning and it was a very fair Sermon indeed better than I could have expected from him on his Letter Our light so shine before men that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in heaven

Sabbath School at two O'Clock and another one at Walkertown at ~~the~~ ~~same time~~ four O'Clock I went to it in place of John Mc Lynn who went to Portar with his Brother

To day the Doctor made his examination and from what I heard she died from the effects of the blow Kate was taken down to Gaol today to be brought up again tomorrow evening when the Inquest meets

I have been reading today or rather tonight several nice stories out of the Sunday Magazine and British Workman some real good ones indeed While the girls have gone to Church

To day the weather was intensely warm all day and towards night we had a thunderstorm

There was considerable Police business to day ~~O tt~~ a man who stole a breast pin from Bill Chown was committed for trial to the sessions notwithstanding the fact that we had all the witnesses and all the constables in his favor but he was a great rogue and showed himself such by trying to run away from the Constable

We had also George Walker and his paramour and we sent them for trial to the sessions

In the evening we resumed our Inquest on the body of Cyndrella Rayn and continued at it until ten oclock and adjourned until tomorrow morning at eight oclock the evidence in the case was pretty clear against Kate [illegible] at present it almost seems murder in the way it was done

Mr White appeared on behalf of Kate and crossexamined all the witnesses

Nothing exciting to day at all Mr Cameron holds another meeting to~~morrow~~ night at the Cross

The elections are already appointed for Ontario

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1867.

Today the weather was fine all day no rain but cool and the weather changed off gloriously clear

I commenced the Inquest on Kates case this morning according to adjournment and we only submitted a very little evidence today then I gave the case to the Jury and I bore a good deal on the deliberateness of Kate going and getting the bottle and bringing it out and striking Kate down There was quite a tussle among the Jury whether to bring it in Murder or Manslaughter however after two ~~days~~ hours absence they brought in their verdict

And I committed Kate to the assizes for trial

No other Police business today but Mr Sheriff McGlory who was informed against for striking a coloured woman in the ~~moth~~ mouth

The contest is getting pretty bitter both in Upper and Lower Canada now as regards Politics

Clemmons meeting was a good one at the Cross last night so I was told and poor little Irwin got squelched and Sand gave him fits

Uncle James Noble came in with his folks to tea tonight

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1867.

Today the weather was really fine all day
We did not have much Store business today and I was not Sorry at
Rankin began his Political meeting today and a sorry affair it was I never heard a more lame excuse for a political address than what was delivered by Rankin tonight John Oconner was present and replied to some of Rankins remarks in rather a sarcastic style and Rankin he got up and replied to him again And John Richmond fell foul of Rankin too but poor John does not amount to a row of beans.
We had Mr McGregors folks at tea to supper Old Mrs McGregor and Young Mrs McGregor and Mrs Daniel and Mr and Mrs Gardner. Mr Kemp went away to ~~supper~~ day by the 11 Oclock Train today and will be absent about three weeks to recruit his health I hope he may get better before he comes back

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1867.

To day the weather was still really very beautiful all day
Helen was quite sick this evening I mean sick at her stomach but I hope it will only be temporary
No Police business of any moment to day except sending down one of the girls to Gaol for bad language in the streets
I was busy calculating my roll to day for a good while I think I can get through pretty well
I heard to day that Cameron is getting on swimmingly in his canvass and that it was probable that Wylie might retire yet whether he will or not remains to be seen
There is not much other news that I hear of to day of any moment
Noble fell down out of a tree to day and hurt himself I think that was the matter with his mother he was going or rather did throw some fire over about the church and was affraid that it might do mischief

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day but not excessively warm. There was a little Police business in the morning and the rest of the day I worked at my Roll I got along very nicely with it. it is quite easy work nor much difficulty

I saw Mr Mickin today who was pretty well pleased with ~~col~~ the canvass so far but I understand not well pleased with Colchester he thought it wanted more working

The Politicians are trying to set out Joi Sampson and they are circulating requisitions for him it is only for the purpose of being bought off which is one of the most contemptible things in existence.

I went across the river today and brought home Helen's sewing machine

I am commenced to read a book of Massons a Critique on John Stuart Mill and Sir William Hamiltons Philosophy he begins very nicely could not be better

Election matters at the East are going well and will result in Ontario being Reform

Helen's sickness left her very weak today

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm all day at one 92 in the shade to day

I we had a man up for assaulting his wife today by the name of Carrol he was sent to Gaol

The Sheriff was fined today for slapping a woman in the mouth but she had been some provoking

I took Helen out a ride this afternoon up the River bank She is not well yet by any means and needs recreation

No news of any importance tonight further than that Lange is pursuing his canvas against Gibbs in Ottawa with great vigor and they say he will be elected by a handsome majority so it is said at least

It is astonishing to me that men possessing so little Political knowledge should think of offering themselves as candidates Running O'Connor and Wright are poor tools and even Cameron is sometimes at a loss he does not think about it

The weather has been excellent for the crops and we ought to be very thankful for the bountiful harvest and weather

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1867.

To day the weather was warm but windy from the West all day with a good deal of lightening from the East to night

Rev Mr Lowan preached today a capital sermon, on Christs temptation in the wilderness It was a fine sermon well delivered and well expressed in every way in fact the thought is clear in every way

The Sabbath School was pretty well attended this afternoon, and I got my little class extremely interested in the death of Christ and his resurrection

In the afternoon I read a good part of the Annals of a Quiet Neighbourhood and also some little Stories for the Children

Helen and the girls went to the English Church and heard Mr Hurst in the evening

I read a little article on Inspiration and also one on Trades Unions by William Wright

I heard to day that Wyle was out of the Field and that the writ had come to Dr Casgrain

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1867.

To day the weather threatened rain all day but finally blew off and non came

We had one case of stealing at the Police Court a boy who was a waiter at Simms who had stolen a pistol and some other things from a stage driver he was committed for trial to the Sessions

Then we had an information against Mrs Port for abusive language in the street and she was summonsed to appear to morrow she had been abusing Daisy Deen

I was busy at my Roll the rest of the day and got along pretty well but the Police Court is becoming a great bore thus

In Politics we have Wigle out of the field altogether in fact I think we will have no opposition to him in the House of Assembly of Ontario but matters are getting warm in House of Commons election between OConnor and Rankin I think from all appearances George Brown will easily go in for Ontario at least so the Globe says But very doubtful news about McKellar however I hope he will go in without trouble

I wrote a note to Mr Kemp to day at St Catharines

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1867.

To day the weather was cool all day the weather is very dry

No news of much importance to day

Police Court Mrs Pot was fined $2 and costs and Chesons Case dismissed I make out some Search Warrants for Batty this afternoon

I wrote a letter to Hon William MacDougall today ~~and was~~ relating to the returning Officer choking off O'Connor on the day of nomination

Boyle tells me that Rankin is sure to be defeated, that there is a regular change all over the County in favor of O'Connor whether it be so or not it is hard to say.

Rankin and Kerr is to have a meeting to night at Colchester and at Windsor on Thursday There is no one elected yet Colin a has opposition as well as George Brown his nomination was made yesterday and quite a number spoke Browns prospects are very good so I understand at least I wish I saw Macdellans as sound and I hope that McKenzie will be all right

A rumour got out to night that Albert Prince was going to run for the Lower House but I believe its a a lie

To day the weather was fine but very dry all day and it is evidently hurting the Farmer. We had very little at the Police Court today so I worked hard at my Roll almost the entire day and got along pretty well at it but it is dreary work and very little enthusiasm is created about it

I saw by the Globe that they had brought out ~~Cameron~~ Aitkin in East Toronto against a Mr Smith but I don't think he will be able to beat Smith although Beatty is running

I saw also that Kenneth McKenzie is out for one of the Durhams

Cameron and Dougall came back this afternoon and were well pleased with the trip up the northern Townships they say the feeling is good for Cameron all North But then White being out of the field made it much better for him

I commenced reading a remarkable book today of Masson's the new Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh it is a critique on Sir William Hamilton and John Stuart Mill

To day the weather was nice and warm but no rain and we are very much in need of rain

There was no cases of any moment before the Police Court today

We have had a great accident for sometime

I was busy with my Collector Roll today I will very soon get through it altogether now I think the work will do the job in entirely at least I hope so

I read a good deal of Alex Forbes of Howglen to night the scene of the Spate is a very good one and very graphically written indeed I think I can almost see it myself

Politics getting pretty warm Mr OConnor held a meeting tonight and Rankin followed him and they were very well met in fact they are pretty well pitted against each other I find that the grits are a source of great trouble to them and that they do not know what to do in the matter

We had Geo Woodbridge and his folks at tea tonight

Things appear to be going all right all over the Province as far as I can see

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1867.

Today the weather was very warm all day and occasional showers passed round but none came here

I was occupied part of the day in the Police Court against a young man from Partridge's in attempting to steal a boat and another attempt of the same young man to break into a House and for such attempt he was sent for trial to the Sessions on both cases

The O'Donnell and Rankin Committees are becoming very exciting and are determined to keep ~~up~~ us campaign men in regular hot water by their importunities and so the thing goes on if they see us talking to one another they begin to suspect we are not all right but we are determined not to say one word either way until after the nomination day

Mrs Spence came over to day and we had a quiet chat in the evening we had also a number of young Ladies at tea to supper until the communion and [illegible]

Our dear Little Allie has been quite unwell to day a high raging fever on him eating him up but we applied the cold application and I think he is better to night

This forenoon a Scoundrel stole $100 out of Joseph Nobles House and escaped by Train

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1867.

To day the weather was quite warm part of the day but no rain came and every thing is being burned up

We sent some Prisoners to Gaol to day for being disorderly and one was released for the same on payment of fine

I was busy with my roll the rest of the day and I did not advance as I was bothered with Chisom and other cases of that kind and so I was a little out of humour at master Chisom with his cursed many cases

Boyle is again in the field and is determined to keep there and go to the Polls in fact he seems to be so foolish in getting to the Polls again that he may demonstrate that he is not bought which is saying a good deal

No other news that I see except that the Toronto nominations are all gone by yesterday and that quite a lot of candidates in both ends of Toronto whether they will all go to the Polls or not on the day of Poll remains to be seen

James Bell came up from Clifton to night or rather came in to night on his way to Colchester

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1867.

To day it has been a fine day all day but full of dry and hot wind Dr Allinbury preached a good sermon to day he took his text from that part of the Scripture Christs sermon on the mount Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth and he gave us a good sermon especially as to the idea that the meek the [illegible] and so for should inherit the earth in a glorified state

In the afternoon we had a nice Sabbath school and I had a good talk with the children so we felt ourselves mutually benefited

In the remainder of the afternoon and evening went Spence and I did a good deal of speaking on various things and events; no news of any importance to day

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1867.

To day the weather fine all day but very dry and drought excessive the weather was quite warm to day

I was very busy to day getting ready for election and other matters and we were also bothered with Police business a good deal to day. This was the day of Brown's election in South Ontario but at night we found him only 11 ahead the first days polling which shows there is very hard work fighting them down there

Skee was much delighted and says Brown will get a glorious whipping in Ontario

Our own election matters are by no means in as pleasant an attitude we could like the fact is we are all at sixes and sevens and very anxious about our right men being put in

We had a meeting of the Council tonight and passed a By Law repealing Market By Law and making other regulations in its place In fact the market is abolished

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1867.

To day the weather was quite sultry and bad it threatened rain at night
This has been one of the bluest days in my opinion that we have seen in the defeat of Mr Brown in Ontario it is said he is defeated by a majority of seventy five some of our Tories are greatly rejoiced but still I could not rejoice I was very sorry indeed as I am quite sure he is by far the ablest man that will go into parliament.

I was busy all day in copying my By Law it takes some 15 pages of foolscape so that a person with some matters on hand has a good deal to do to get one of these long By Laws copied in a day.

Our Politics is quite thick and doubt and difficulty reign such as I never saw the like before all Petite vote and Grand vote are all up to be bought and are holding out their hands for bribes it is really fearful and some more stringent means of preventing it will be required than is apparent at present but it that the new Parliament will have to deal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1867.

To day there was a fine day after the rain there was considerable down in the night I lay and listened to it and I was quite sick all night I had to take a little brandy to night to make me better.

The Convention to take place to day and they kept on speaking until nearly ~~nine~~ six o'clock at night I understand Cameron made the best speech of the whole and Wolfe did fairly but poorly Albert Prince had taken the opportunity of abusing Cameron and Rankin he is a contemptible thing is Albert Prince and the man so perhaps there is not to be found in this country we met in Committee Meeting this evening and were rather blue at the idea of Prince speaking against Cameron, but it was thought best not to break up with John O'Connor and throw ourselves into Rankin's. Notwithstanding what we have got from Prince, and that was the idea we had this evening when we separated.

Heard to day that Mrs Hays was dead that she died this evening at four or five o'clock will be home with the body tomorrow

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1867.

To day the weather was fine, but quite cool in fact very cool towards night there was every appearance of frost to night

I was still busy with By Laws and other matters to day all day

They brought home Mrs Hays body this morning at nine oclock I helped them to take her home They seemed all in a fearful state about her in fact from what I see I do not know how they are able to take care of themselves in such emergency

Things begin to be very ticklish about our election it is really doubtful whether Cameron will not get defeated from all that I can see Boyle stands as much of a chance as him It does seem strange that a County like this should be represented by such a noodle as him but nevertheless it seems as though it would be so

Mary went to sit up at Luke's to night

I held an Inquest to day on the body of a woman named Amelia Brown who was killed by a thrashing machine on John Montreal's farm at Waltentown The Inquest was chiefly amused by a squabble between Drs Donelly and Grasse

The last night was the coldest
night since June there was frost
back in the Townships so I heard
To day has been quite cool all day and
I have had to wear drawers all day
I was busy all day writing
my Roll in getting ready for Election
and other little matters relating
to my office
I am afraid from appearances
things are going hard with the
Reform Party there seems to be
a fair prospect of defeating all
the Reform Candidates in Toronto
All the Government are there working
like trojans in defeating them, and
I suppose with the free use of money
will defeat them
I did not ~~felt~~ feel very well to day
in fact I appear to have got cold
Mrs Lurks daughter Mrs Hays was
buried to day at 12 oclock we had
quite a large funeral she was buried
by Mr Hurst but Mr Johnston
was present and said a prayer
for them at the House; but what
a foolish thing it is for people
to go to funerals who are so nervous
as Mrs Lurk she acted more like
a crazy creature than a woman in
her senses
Miss Williams came here from
Toronto to night

To day the weather was ~~wet~~ rainy almost the entire day in fact it was very wet all day

The Politicians have been very busy all day to day in maneuvering in front of Mackey and James Hotters Saloon I understand a good deal of money has been going around but some of Rankins men appear to think that he is likely to be defeated whether he will or not remains to be seen in fact it is hard to say who will be defeated but it seems they will all have a hard run of it however I think the chances are that O'Connor and Cameron are going in at least that is my belief to day

As I expected all the Reform candidates are going to be defeated indeed it appears to me to be something like what it was in Lord Sydenhams time when almost all the Lower Canadians were defeated by the Tories so we must just patiently wait until the next thirty weeks and then we shall count noses and ~~the~~ see how we have come out of the fight.

Our own Politicians are a good deal exercised tonight on account of the people wanting to be bribed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1867.

To day we have had a fine cool day after the rain

This morning and before church we heard of Mrs Nobles death Mrs Lumkins mother she died from Cholera Morbus and I suppose [illegible] [illegible] there from the diarrhea had been too quickly stopped What the poor old man will do is the great matter he being so much in the habit of drinking and misbehaving himself

We had a most excellent sermon this forenoon from Mr McLeon on the fulness of the time Christ came he said all great revolutions and missions needed a leader and any move ~~[illegible]~~ commenced out of due time ~~needed a it~~ would certainly fail and had failed and then he showed the nature of Christs Kingdom and also what kind of leader he was and how the earth was prepared for his reception

This ~~aft~~ evening he came in and stayed with me all the evening and we had a very interesting discussion on the Philosophy of J S Mill and William Hamilton

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day and very pleasant

In the forenoon we were busy with some assault cases and I had the man fined as he deserved

When I came home at dinnertime I found that ~~[illegible]~~ Samuel Bell was up with Lisy and that Mr Bell had been waiting at Amherstburgh to take Ma down tonight as soon as she went with ~~the~~ boat

So she went down this afternoon and I went with her to Sandwich and got her aboard of the Pearl all right then I went across on the boat or Ferry boat to see about a dutchmans fine so that when I got to the Ferry boat I had lost my Memorandum Book and could not find it any where I came back and telegraphed from Sandwich about it but could not find it it was not on the boat as I expected I was very much put out about the affair altogether and found that I could scarcely get any sleep at all all night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1867.

To day I was busy getting my Roll ready and getting it fit for the Collector,

Politicians are all busy to day getting things ready and getting them into line Cameron came down ~~this~~ morning from Lylburn and seemed to think Rankin was going to carry it all his own way there

The [illegible] men make propositions to the ~~Ran~~ Cameron men and are going to defeat us if we don't vote for them So it is said tonight Dougall is vexed at the matter and is going to kick up a row about the affair

Things looks very feverish tonight

I appointed Dr Kemp and Alfred Dawson as my Roll clerks tonight and swore them in ready for a start in the morning so that nothing should be out of order when the polling commenced

The Tories appear to be jubilant over ~~their~~ gains what with good money and other matters they have certainly made heavy gains

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1867.

To day the weather was beautiful all day and warm

Polling commenced to day at nine Oclock but went extremely slack all day in fact at the close of the Poll we had not polled over one third of the votes in the ward I think we closed with something like forty four votes Cameron got in our Town about 104 majority this first ~~time~~ day but there has been a very light vote all day in fact it seemed as if there was some hitch in the affairs and that they would not really vote by some means or another

In the evening I got a letter from Peter Mc Kay to go and get two votes in Detroit for his Father So that I went off after supper and succeeded getting a vote for him after an 2 hours hard walking

When I came back I found Cameron about 102 behind Wright and Oconnor about nine ahead so that the committees got to work as hard as they could and went out as busy as sailors and would not allow a stone un turned that them be behind tomorrow

Still a very fine day all day went to work at the Polling to day all day and Polled close on double the number of Votes to day that we did yesterday in part for the Ontario Legislature I Polled something like One hundred and twenty three Cameron 110 and Wolfe 13 Which make Camerons majority 97 OConnor 77 Rankin 41 OConnors majority 36 Rankin was two ahead in the first ward and ~~25 the~~ OConnor 24 majority in the 3 ward making OConnors majority 58 in town Camerons majority in the whole was 269 85 first ward 97 2nd ward and 87 3 ward the best majority com was given for any man in London but we have no doubt of his defeat to night Tilbury has secured all that alone

I am very sorry to hear that Mr Nelson is defeated to night by rather 70 behind Just days poll very sorry to hear it indeed I am going home with an ~~with~~ aching heart to night and I dont expect to sleep much

OConnor is elected by 7 majority or thereabout

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1867.

There was considerable of a Shower today and helped to moisten the ground a good deal We had some Police business but not of much moment I was busy finishing my Roll today and got it done

I forgot to mention that last night I got another voter for Mr Keller and sent him on today paid his expenses myself and kept him by myself but it was no use I believe tonight he is defeated by about 60 or 70 which I am very sorry then the election is all gone to the dogs. So I must just let things take their course I hate the whole affair

I swore today to my Poll books and returned them to Dr Casgrain and also my account which I gave him of my fees for it

In the county I see the Globe some elections are going right and and will keep going right in spite of all opposition to the contrary they cannot buy such constituencies as Stratons and others

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1867.

Today busy all day arranging Robert Douglas's and getting ready for Quarterly Sessions. I got the Council together and we drew the Jury so that I might be ready to send them down as soon as possible. I am exceedingly busy all day at present. No news of any importance but election talk which has become very sickening to me and indeed it has every honest man or Politicians.

I read an interesting account tonight of the trial of some safes at the Paris Exhibition, in fact it was a trial to see which of them could resist the Burglars. The contest it was between Herrings Safe of New York and Chapmans Safe of England. Chapmans was considered the best by the Times correspondent.

Wrote a note to Mrs W~~hiffle~~day and I got one from her. She is well but got a little cold in her head. She seems to think Allen Chayne has been telling lies on Lesy.

Mr Kemp, Clerk came home today from his three weeks leave of absence.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1867.

To day the day was very fine and Pleasant all day.

Mr Repult preached very well all day both morning and evening that is by way of Exhortations they were ver labored discourses in fact he merely played upon words and kept them turning over and over in the ~~to~~ different forms

A good deal of fuss was going on around town to day because an alteration in ~~the~~ the Poll book of Tilbury West and fortunate enough Dr Mc Swan was present and saw the difficulty and at once detected it so that the thing was frustrated. I mean he was present last night and knew it and detected the fraud and fixed it all right.

Rankin was in a fearful state of excitement and denounced the Doctor that Doctor Casgrain because he would not return him Rankin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1867.

To day the weather was nice and warm all day and fine for work

I started to day at seven oclock and worked all day until about nine oclock at night making out my matters for the sessions

We had the case of Isgham and McKeand to day and I was rather astonished to find that any attempts was made to prove that Mr McKeand was deshonest and had appropriated goods to his own use and been selling to others and appropriating the money

Rouson the Collector got his Role to day and gave in his bonds his bondsmen were Aaron Davenport and James Cuthbertson Cutter could not well be found

The Elections are still going strongly against us below how it is it is hard to tell but so it is they have gone fearfully against us (Mr Dougall and Holland near beat us

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1867.

The weather very dry still, but fine weather
To day I went on with my work for Sessions I finished my own work and made out my account and also made these Cuts out for Coroner expenses
My own account for Coroners fees amounts $27.10 which will be quite acceptable when it comes
James Noble came in this evening and drew me out
We got a letter from Helen tonight all well and expecting me down we sent some letters down this morning
The Michigan State fair commenced to day and from appearances there will be nice weather for it I understand quite a number of nice sheep went from this side to it such as George Miller of Markhams and others of that ilk
I see that Stone the great agriculturist has been badly beaten by Stirton that he had no chance whatever
McKellar is now going to run for the Local House at Bothwell so it is said by Lisle the conductor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1867.

A Splendid day to day and all my
work done for the Sessions
but unfortunately I was Summoned
to the Court as a witness in the case
of George Walker a case that I
know about as little about as the
man of the moon I went to
Sandwich and came back again
the case that was on when I left
was merely a case of debt with Duff
of Colchester
In the afternoon when we got
back we immediately got ready and made
the best of our way to the Michigan
fair but such a jamming and cramming
I never saw before and we were almost
unable to get to the boat when we got
to the fair there were a great many
things in it well worth seeing such
as the Paintings the "Last of their
Race" by Stanley and the "Frontier Home" by
Mr L Smith was very good in that department
The Sheep from Canada distanced
all competitors that is the long wooled
Sheep. The Cattle was very good indeed
and the Fat Cattle exhibited by
Mr Smith an Englishman a Butcher
in Detroit was the finest I ever
saw Implements were very good but
our time was so limited that we could
not get ~~away~~ through all with ease
we had difficulty in getting home one half got
by the one boat and the other by the other
I was home an hour before Miss Williams & Lizy

To day the weather was still very fine all day
To day got ready Jury lists and left them with George Dunbar to be signed and sent to Sandwich to be filed in the Clerk of the Peace Office
In the afternoon I got ready and jumped aboard of the Road at Windsor there was quite a number of Passengers aboard of me met Mr Shay And he told me that he would give me a ride and so I thought I had managed splendidly but low and behold when I got down to [illegible] Duff came along with his big wife and a still bigger trunk and so I had no other policy than get out altogether and go to James Dunbar and got him to send me down with a buggy for which I had to pay him (3) three dollars so that I did not get down so well after all as I expected I would like very much if ever I go down again to be able to take my own horse and buggy with me and not be subject to Mr Bell or Mr Shay or Mr Anybody else
Found the people all well at Colchester and very glad to see me found Helen a little inclined to be sick but pretty well considering

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1867.

To day the weather was very warm and sultry and rained a good part of the afternoon

In the forenoon I wrote a letter to Barbara and took it to the Post office and then the children and I walked down to the Colchester dock and I sat and chatted quite a while with Ferres the owner of the dock and he informed me that they had sold quite a quantity of wood there and that the two docks he thought would sell at least $40000 worth of wood in the year

In the forenoon I went to see a thrashing and went out to Mr Bells corn field and went through it a good deal and saw his crop and talked a good deal with ~~the~~ him about farming

In the afternoon we hitched up the team after the rain and drove Mrs Bell and Ma up to Mrs Buchanans and then we went up to see ~~at~~ the dock at Sacksville, after which I came back to Mr Buchanans to tea and I passed a very pleasant night it is with him but he is very a cantankerous sort of fellow and as the Scotch would say Magatosh

To day it was a beautiful day all
day and not so exessibely hot as yesterday
Lydia and I had a ride today
~~all~~ in the fornoon ~~and~~ on Horseback
the first time I have been on horseback for
sometime I liked it very well we
went clear to the dock at Sacksville and
then back and through Oxford. and back
so that I rode about six miles in all
I liked it very well indeed and wished
I had a pony to ride out with when I liked
I along with Mrs Bell Helen and Mr
Bell went and called on Colonel Brush
this afternoon and we had tea there
and quite a pleasant time we had
of it the Colonel seems very comfortable
indeed and ~~and~~ his wife seems very
exceedingly nice person it is really
astonishing to see how comfortable
the farmers down here are they are
all like little kings
Then we drove home and Mr Bell
and I talked on the diameter of the
moon and such kindred subjects
to beguile away the time as we rode
along
When we got to Mr Bells
letters were awaiting us from London
from Emma Miss Williams and
Buddy all were well and the
Globe was sent wherein I saw that
Young Blake had been returned for West
Durham by a very large majority

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1867.

To day was really very beautiful all day the entire day

We got ready and went to Church at the Plains and heard Mr Moffat as announced last Sabbath he preached on the prayer book it was rather a remarkable sermon in fact a good deal of irrelevant stuff was in the sermon and some of the history adduced was very bad indeed he stated that it was not the production of a Papist and that not a single line of it was penned by a Papist He also said that the Church of England was clear line of succession down from the time of the apostles to the present time and so on and so on a great deal of matter was crammed into the sermon which was really of very little use

In the afternoon we went down to the Lake and stayed there awhile and in the evening after supper we hitched up and went back to see some people that Mr Bell wanted to speak to and we drove past Ft Lee and came home by way of Sackville and picked up Miss Frankie Harker at Alex Harkers in Sackville and came Home and enjoyed ourselves by a friendly chit chat

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1867.

It was intensely Hot all day occasionally sultry showers that did not amount to much
Mr Bell is in a fearful way about getting in his fall Wheat he seems in a terrible pucker about the matter and looks as if a few days one way or another would really kill the affair altogether he went out today to plow and his man did not come from a Camp meeting he went to on Saturday night and the poor old Creature went to plow himself and was just as lost as if he had been out of the [illegible]
I walked up the length of the dock at Jacksonville this afternoon and saw Charley and Alex. Burfitt saw that Harker had got into a Lawsuit about their dock. Came back again and went to Mr Howies to dinner and went to Williams [illegible] after dinner and then made the best of my way back to my Bells.

In the afternoon we had quite a number of people especially of the female sort at tea as a sort of farewell party to ~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ us before leaving every thing passed off quite pleasantly and all wishing us to stay and take our time.

I wrote a letter to Minny today by mail so as to inform her of our coming on Monday morning

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1867.

To day fearfully hot and disagreable not a shower slakeing the drought or cool the parched earth

we after a good deal of fussing about and fixing all round we got ready and started by taking our farewell of all the friends but Mrs Bell who started up the length of Thomas Webbs with us the day was intensely hot and we were three hours on the road and me with a black coat on I was fairly sweltering with heat inspiced I have never felt anything so overpowering as the heat (we got to Thomas Webbs all right about noon and then Thomas Bell and I drove into town with the team and had the team that is one of the horses shod he was loosing badly

I had a great deal of talk round amongst the knowing politicians of Amherstburgh about the late Election and I was astonished to find that quite a number did not vote at all and that they some of them used their influence against [illegible]

Wee Came in And stayed tonight at Mrs Bzurd's place so as to be ready for the boat tomorrow morning

Heard that Alexander McKenzie headed Biddel to day something like five that was the close (of the Poll) last night

To day the weather was fine and mild all day we did not have so much sunshine to day

We got up and had a cup of tea at Mrs Bruces all right and went on the boat everything Helen and I sat on the front of the boat all day coming up and had a ~~f~~ beautiful view of the River and all on the American side of it

we got to Detroit about two oclock and I found Coolman on the dock who informed me that McKenzie was a long way ahead something over six hundred, the first day

And when I got to Windsor I found it all correct and the Globe had it 788 ahead for him ~~to a~~ last night his people must have worked well to get that much ahead

I felt as glad as if any one had given me $100 note

We got home all right found the children well and everything about as usual we had the prayer meeting to night and all things went along very well

I feel a little tired of being knocked about these few days and we will take a little time to get over it

To day the weather was a little cooler

We had very little to day to do at the Police Court I received a telegraph yesterday from Peter McKellar asking me to see about some voters in Detroit and I went this afternoon and saw the men but could not get permission for one of them to start and I could not prevail upon him to go up to Howard and vote for McKellar and Mills We ~~came~~ received the news this evening that Mills was 70 ahead and McKellar 69 ahead so that we considered ourselves safe and their election sure

In the evening we had a meeting of the Methodist people called a Tea meeting there was quite a crowd in the hall something I should think equal to 280 people Mr Johnston Mr Hurst Mr Kemp and Mr Elliott spoke Mr Hurst made a queer speech about the people giving and Mr Elliott took him up and handled him with great power in fact one of the most cutting sarcastic speeches I have listened to for a long time it was well received from by a lot of us but some of the church folks did not like it at all

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1867.

The Speculation today all round was
was Mr Elliots Speech last night
at the Soiree
No news of any importance
today further than this evening
Mr Mills was Elected by 109 and McKellar
by 76 so the Telegraph said and they
were no doubt right I am heartily
glad that Mr K has got in just he
is by far the ablest man we are going
to have in the Lower House and will
to all appearance be the leader of the
Opposition
I took over Mr Bells Spectacles
today to get mended in Detroit and
I had a little Encounter Hurduff the book store
and bought the water cure book Trall's
cyclopaedia of the water cure
It would appear from the news
from Nova Scotia that Mr Howe
has made a clean sweep of the whole
of Nova Scotia excepting Dr Tupper
Mr Archibald has been defeated badly
so it is said and what they are to
do with Howe is a question they seem
not much acquainted with the Confederation
and Howe will certainly not be a very
easy man in Opposition and what they are
to do with him it is hard to say as he
may give them if he likes a very great
deal of trouble

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1867.

To day the weather was still very fine but dry and very much against the Farmer

our business in the Police Court to day has been very little ever since I came back we have had comparatively little to do

The last of the Elections was held ~~to~~ to day Garnely Pil Colin to Cameron got in by a small majority

And now that the Election is over we have come out of the fight in a very shattered condition and we have lost a large number of Counties that we ought to have

I wrote to Mc Kellar to day congratulating him on his success and I wrote to Mc Kenzie by the evening mail congratulating him on his success they are by far the best men we have got before the people and I am very glad that McKellar is in in the Local House he will be I should think the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Ontario as it seems they are anxious for him to be

I received a telegraph tonight to go to Chatham to a sort of impromptu celebration but there was no train ~~of any movement~~ and we could not go

To day the weather was fine all day but dry

Mr Kemp Preached forenoon and evening but I was not particularly struck with the brilliancy of any of his remarks in fact he must pull up or else he will be left high and dry alone the round

In the afternoon we had Sunday School and a very large one it is and we got through very well within the hour

I read a good deal in Sunday Magazine to day and I was rather struck with the style of thought in one article on the right of inquiry it seemed to me about that matter as far as the legitimate fruits of inquiry dare go

There was a man hung himself behind Sandwich today in Colonel Prince's bush he had on him some $2200 in gold ~~on him~~ and some drafts on New York beside and quite respectable in appearance he is said to be a man by the name of Brewster from California

A man Toussaint Masonville was nearly killed by the cars today at or near Walkertown

And an old man named La Plant was shot yesterday in Detroit for taking a young man's French girl

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1867.

Today weather Still warm and dry bad for Farmers

I was busy engaged at Police Court today we had a lot of young scamps they said for chicken stealing but we did not prosecute but sent them away as they had little to do prosecution they were off the Iron Boat and Partridge arrested them

A man was fined for being drunk and Joseph Lotter for selling meat without a License Joseph felt aggrieved but it was no use he had to be fined and he was fined $3. and costs

In the evening we had a meeting of the Tract Society and passed some resolutions and other matters and passed a resolution to give him $10 of a donation besides the collection the night he comes there is the agent of the Society Mr Ker

No further developments today about the suicide some think he was a murderer and that his conscience was troubling him and he sought relief in that way

A good deal of talk still about the ballot for this County What the issue will be I cannot determine nor no one else I suppose

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1867.

To day the weather was still very warm and sultry

I mailed a letter for Mr Bell in the morning telling him that I had not yet been able to procure the necessary stamps for him but would be able to do so on monday even if I sent to Toronto for them

In the afternoon I sent two crocks to Mrs Buchanan to be filled with butter and I sent a letter to Charles Bell along with his Fathers Spectacles which I had procured across the river and all of which I gave to the Valley City mate who promised to do the amiable for me

In the evening we had an ~~[illegible]~~ visit of Miss Williams fiance in and he took tea with us he is from Markham ostensibly but now from Rome he was broken down and as I understood it had to leave the Province.

I did not do much reading today further than the newspapers and I must certainly stop going so much head to such kind of literature I ought to turn my attention to those subjects that have engaged the attention of able men such as Political Economy and subjects of that kind together with such historical treatises as tend to give me an insight into the doings of the institutions of our forefathers

Gold at $143.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1867.

To day the weather was dry and cold and very disagreeable towards night it was the first time in three months we have had a fire other than in the book store

I worked a little at my voters lists today got them out ready for the first of October

In the forenoon I crossed the river to buy a Spirit Level to Curtis as he required one for digging some ditches there was no Police business today for a wonder so we were allowed to go on the even tenor of our way

There is no news of any importance today Strong bids are being made for Mr Howe to go into the Government and take the place of Mr Archibald the Globe thinks it demoralizing to do any such thing

We had a Tract Meeting tonight we had the agent round who gave us a speech and we gave him the collection and, $10 which in all amounted to, $ nearly $14 which is much better than taking the man round to collect of the people

I have been reading Goldwin Smith's lectures on history the last few days and I am pleased that he takes such a liberal view of matters as he does

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cold all day and people felt like sitting by the fire a good part of the time

There was two cases of drunkenness before the Police Court one old man was fined and another was sent to gaol a woman she was a coloured woman from Sandwich and conductting the habitue of the bawdy house

The rest of the day I attended to my voters lists and finished them as far as my own copies are concerned and it only remains for me now to copy them for the ~~Jobb~~ clerk of the Peace Office

The Globe is settled down again to the old way and not much in it but a little politics and I think George Brown is sorry that he raised the standard of revolt so largely as he did

I got some English papers that are full of trades union outrages and also one able one on the Ritualists the digest of the Report just published by the Commission is a very good one

I heard last night that a child of the Jenkinss that is Shadrach Jenkins was dying of bilious fever and that Henry Goodenough has the delirium tremens

I did not feel very well tonight I went off to bed at half after nine

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1867.

To day the weather was nice and pleasant all day but very dry still

We had no Police business today at all so I pursued my way in getting my List ready for the Clerk of the Peace Office as quick as I could I was very particular and went over the Lists second times

I read to day a digest of the Ritual commission and the evidence taken one would be astonished to see that a number of the churches of England have actually been turned into Catholic churches more Roman than the Catholic church itself if England dont look out they will soon have all their churches the same way and the dissenters will have their churches full

I read Goldwin Smiths Lecture on the Study of History ~~yesterday~~ tonight and a splendid one it is he seems to take issue with Buckle on the sort of Positivism in History they believe that History is a science and that certain results can be predicated the same as the scientific man can predicate the rising of the sun tomorrow morning which theory Goldwin Smith thinks is destructive of all free agency and that nations are as much free agents as men or single individuals

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1867.

To day the weather was quite warm and nice but very dry and very hard I should think for the Farmers

In the morning we had some Police work we ~~had a~~ fined two Irishmen named Riley and Mc Cormick who had both been drunk last night and mis behaving themselves I also made out an information against the Judge's boy who had been hitting another boy by name of Ouellette the Judge's boy was hired flunkey and coloured man he was arrested by Samuel Port and brought ~~home~~ up to the Lock-up - and Locked up And he was fined $5 and costs in the afternoon which he paid

I finished the voters Lists as far as they were necessary for names and I have now only to compare them and number them and take down the affedavits ready to be sworn to

In the evening I bought some gloves to Ma and a neck tie to ~~himself~~ myself

I read a good deal in the Globe a paper about election matters and some complaints made to Nation newspaper today

Poor old Alfred Baby is said to be dying that he had a fits and was not expected to survive long

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1867.

To day there was quite a change a cold northly wind and blowing fresh from the North East

Mr Kemp preached a very fair sermon ~~[illegible]~~ on ~~the~~ Christ the Good Shepherd laying down his life for the sheep. He took the analogy of the shepherd and carried it out to the end until he got to the dying when he did not see that he could carry it any farther as rather than the sheep should perish then the shepherd but the ~~sheep~~ plan was Gods plan and therefore an object of faith

In the evening he preached from the words forgetting the things that are behind and pressing on toward the things that are before it was a fair sermon but badly delivered and spoken in such a way as the people could not get the whole of it

In the evening after church we had a conference of the elders about it and Mr Cameron and Mr Mr Mucken were appointed to see Mr Kemp on the matter

Mr Blackadar and I went out this afternoon and distributed some papers and ~~for~~ also some tracts

Mr Jenkings child died last night at eleven Oclock

Today the weather was very cold and dry and miserable. I understand all the wells in the country are getting dry. We are going to have frost tonight

No one at the Police Court today for a wonder it was the first Monday for sometime that we have not had one

I finished my voters lists today and swore to them and sent one copy to the Clerk of the Peace Office and filed the other in my own Office. There was 223 votes in first Ward 190 in the second and 173 in the third making 586 in town or equal to about 450 of a vote

We had no meeting of Council tonight although it was the regular meeting night. Helen was up at Sarah Bartletts to tea tonight

Saw Adam Spence today he had been down seeing Thomas he said Thomas looked better than he expected to find him when he left home. Mr Adam Spence was well pleased with his visit to the Old Land he liked the Christian people of Huntly well and felt at home amongst them but he did not stay long with them he lived four weeks in Paris where he saw life in all its varieties but he said the Govt was a complete despotism and the Secret Police keeps down all aspirations of Liberty

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1867.

To day the weather was still dry and a kind of cool although it got warm towards afternoon

To day there was a case of of assault between Washington Wilson and ~~and~~ Sims the Barber but we adjourned the case until tomorrow morning at ten oclock there seems to be little doubt that Sims did strike him

We had quite a job among some cases against Alex Splittog and Joseph White and some others who it is alleged were trespassing on Turkey Island upon the Lease granted to Ouellette of Sandwich Sam Port got all the summons to serve and is going down tomorrow morning to serve them and seize some fences &c &c on the Island

To day was Division Court day and some interesting cases came before the Judge one a case of Rent between the Estate of Joe Lmay and Joagney of Rent The case was whether Mr Jackson as Official Assignee has the right to terminate a Lease when he chooses notwithstanding any Lease to the contrary how the Judge will decide remains to be seen

The Globe says that the house of Isaac Buchanan in Hamilton has failed that is Buchanan Hope and Co what the liabilities are ~~to~~ it is not stated

This morning opened with quite a thundery storm and an appearance of rain but the rain was not much there was a slight appearance all day

I did not much work to day other than finish the case of Sims and Wilson Sims was fined $8 & costs

I went across the way in the afternoon but bought nothing in the book line.

I have been reading carefully a book of Lectures of Goldwin Smith and his arguments in favor of our common Christianity are really very good indeed I was very much pleased at the beautiful character of Christ he showed that no patriotism no nationality or anything of a prejudice or local feeling ever entered into any of his teachings his character was pure and perfect nothing in any other public historical character that we have presented the same features as correctly as Christ or anything near them I am rather pleased with that sort of metaphysical study and glad that I bought these lectures they tend to make man forget his toil and his domestic troubles of which God be thanked I have very few. My comforts are getting more and more although my salary is limited yet my family is comfortable.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1867.

To day the weather was still dry and very much against the business of the Farmer

No Police business to day at all the Town seems to be getting better and better in point of morals

I was therefore enabled to peruse a little literature to day of rather [illegible] from the Evening Mail its criticisms on the Pan Anglican Synod is not very complimentary and in fact it shows that the whole thing is a childish affair got up for effect,

I also read several articles on education and especially that of the working classes, the thing was well done and showed an appreciation of the position of the working classes in England in fact it is there clearly shown that unless they do something towards raising the English mechanics that the skilled labour of the Continent will get ahead of them and will be better able to perform all those nice articles of workmanship that requires skill and head work

Our own Political situation seems wonderfully quiet at present and full of portentous feeling Nova Scotia having gone so strongly anti union it is hard to say what will be upshot of the affair. Sermon to night by Mr Burton of Lunn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1867.

To day the weather was cloudy and at night it commenced raining pretty hard which will be a boon to the farmer

We had not much of any thing to day before the Police Court in fact this week has been singularly free from crime altogether nothing of any moment having occurred

There seems to be a disposition again to revive the Fenian Organization in England and they are taking unusual measures to make the matter as hot for them as possible their daring outrage at Manchester has had a wonderful effect in reviving the affair after it has gone down

Our Friends the Mc Nickens are again in a new Role in coming out under the wing of Solomon White who had a chattel mortgage and who as soon as they failed went into possession by the Chattel mortgage and is engaged so I understand in selling until he gets enough to satisfy his three thousand dollars

The poor old pope appears to be in deep water again on account of the Garibaldians who are menacing his frontier lines and France is a little afraid to assist him for fear of Prussia coming on his back so that there seems good reason to believe that this time the Holy Father will get his ticket of Leave

There was quite a shower last night it rained pretty much all night until this morning it will be a great boon to the Farmers

No Police business today of any moment No trials

I am reading Goldwin Smiths I have a slight idea of his views of history I think they are correct and embodied them in a letter to my Bill Who will ~~not~~ no doubt think I am childish and [illegible] but I am nevertheless satisfied he is right and especially on the character of Christ

I went across the river today and I saw the new Methodist Church She is truly a magnificent affair the finest perhaps I have ever seen and the expense seems to be enormous What John Wesley would think of his descendants or rather disciples it seems hard to think if he was looking up and seeing such beautiful churches as the one now building in Detroit They say she will cost $137.000 quite a sum for a House of Worship in

No news of any moment passing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day Quite warm and comfortable

We had the communion sabbath to day and Mr Kemp preached sermons appropriate to the occasion both forenoon and evening

We had about sixty sat down at the table and we had some new ones Dr Morton Mrs Morton and Mrs Lightfoot all joined and we were quite glad to see them the matter passed off agreeably altogether although the dissatisfaction with Mr Kemp ~~was~~ is growing very much I very much fear that unless he can gather himself up more than he is doing we will be obliged to let him go when his two years are up the people do not like his preaching and especially the way he delivers it

I went across the river this afternoon with Mr Blackader and heard a sermon from Dr Sprague of Newark New Jersey it was a good sermon very simple but a clear and distinct utterance of the Gospel in very plain language he had an exceedingly good voice and spoke with great distinctness

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1867.

To day it was very beautiful and fine all day throughout

We had a great day among the Indians to day all day in fact we commenced work about half after ten and Mr Solomon White gave us as much trouble as he could he ordered the Indians to leave and started off himself but as far as I can see he is not lawyer but merely a sort of tricky fellow getting in a trick or quibble whenever he can get it

The two Indians were fined $10 a piece and the Frenchman fined $5 all exclusive of costs we sat from half past ten to 6 oclock in the evening quite a tedious day we had

There is no news of any importance to day as far as I heard everything quiet

Our Collector Rorison appears to going the full figure among the taxpayers he makes them pay up in fact I understand they have already paid in about $3000 into the Treasurers hands altogether

Garibaldi notwithstanding that he is a prisoner on his Isle of Caprera yet is exercising a potent influence over the revolution in the Roman State

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1867.

To day the weather was still very beautiful and fine all day but looked a little cloudy at night ~~sun~~ went down hazy and moon had a ring about her

I, made out the convictions in the case of the Indians this forenoon and also a good many licenses were issued to the draymen I also bought some nine cords of wood which I got Mr Cameron to pay for so that I might get down to Amherstburgh to the fair tomorrow

I then got over the river in the afternoon and along with Bob Elliott I jumped on the boat and went to Amherstburgh the trip down was very pleasant we had Mr Mc Afee Walkers clerk and chatted down all the way on excise matters along with Bob Elliott

I see the Grosse Isle people are very great on under draining they are under draining with tile drains all along about Grays

In the evening when we landed ~~we~~ I was well received at ~~the~~ Byrne's store I went round and had quite a talk among the people about matters and the fair all were kind to me and glad to see me

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1867.

This Morning Opened with one of the Most Tremendous rains of the Season and continued so until afternoon at least after twelve O'clock

The Fair to day was very disheartening and the Farmers were very much discouraged about their fair in bringing in their Stock I assisted Henry Botsford in ~~[illegible]~~ ticketing the articles and we got along wonderfully well as just but people were so down hearted about the affair however we had quite a number of entries we I think entered about five hundred articles and the Horses were of a very superior quality and of the best I suppose that could be shown in and around Amherstburg I was very glad at seeing the amount of interest taken in the matter

I acted as a judge on Home Manufacture and we had not much of that kind of work to Judge in fact not half enough as in Leather &c we had only one Sample from Kolfage's establishment of each kind called for in the Prize List

I took dinner at Mrs McGregors this ~~after~~ forenoon saw Eliza Bell at Frank Harris's and dropped into the Prayer Meeting of Mr Mr Dermott's

To day it was pretty dry untill about three oclock when it drizzled a little for the rest of the afternoon

In the forenoon I got things arranged and helped Henry Botsford with the Premium List so as to get ready to read it at two oclock we judged the buggies this ~~afternoon~~ forenoon but Bungay outvoted me in my decision on trotters and in the matter of Pulford and Lucier Lucier was left behind

Barbara my daughter got the second prize on a Lavender Cushion she ought to have got the first so her mother thinks

By the way Julia and Mrs Richards came down from Windsor all the way in a Buggy this forenoon and went and saw the Fair they were quite well pleased with the Fair they made several calls on Amherstburgh people before they left I got a horse from ~~Bob~~ Davis McGregor and I took Eliza Bell with me and we drove home very nicely we were little more than two hours in driving from Amherstburgh to Windsor but she was a splendid beast

In the Evening I went to hear the celebrated Charles Sumner who lectured in the Young mens Hall on the subject "are we a Nation" he took strong ground against State rights but he is a poor speaker scarcely up to the reputation he has

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1867.

To day the weather was rather wet and miserable all day wind Lashing from the North

We did not do much to day at Police business Except and for some things done up in my Office

I wrote a slight note in Lanes paper about old Mason calling him to an account about his charging for wood without measuring it he did not seem to like it ~~so~~ & being twitted with it by ~~[illegible]~~ to day

No news of any importance further than that the Democrats have carried Ohio and Pennsylvania much to the chagrin of the Republicans the part of the Constitution enfranchising the negro has been defeated which shows that the Lower strata or white trash as they are called are not yet prepared to do simple Justice to the negro which is not saying a great deal in favor of our enlightened brethren in the West

Heard to day that Mrs Roseven was dead and that she was to be buried tomorrow they appear to be greatly afflicted about it so I understood she dropped off so suddenly but she has been an invalid for 18 years

Miss Williams Brother Charles came from Toronto to day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1867.

To day it still drissled and showered all day

We had an Indian fined for interfering with ~~two~~ Dick Masons woman Sol White paid the fine which was two dollars he was very unwilling to do so

We are rather moral at present we having not much crime of any kind

Mr Cummings and I went to Mrs Rosemans funeral this afternoon there was quite a number out but principally Railroad people

Mr Johnston held the service in the House and ~~a la~~ as far as I could judge it is merely a repetition of the Church of England service which the Methodists adopt

Got some mails to day they have good articles on the Cape Abyssinian and other matters but I do not think they make much of the affair

There is not much news farther than a Fenian scare in England it is said a few blockheads are trying to make a fuss and kick up a row in the matter

Not much other news further than that John A wants to have the appointment of the Magistracy

To day Mr Mc Ewan came home and we found that he had passed his examination nicely and got his Licence and is to preach to morrow in Dr Duffields and First Street

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1867.

So the weather was very fine all day we had quite a nice day for the Fall

The Church was quite full in the morning and Mr Kemp preached very well indeed and a good [illegible] sermon he preached from the words denying ourselves and take up our cross and follow Christ

In the evening he did not do so well as then his voice got wrong and keyed up and he seemed to ramble in his discourse which made him I think say foolish things

I read a good bit of Pascal Letters in controversy with the Jesuits it is very good indeed

Helen went with Eliza Bell to the English Church and they heard a Temperance sermon from Mr Hurst which he commended moderation and they say spoke very well on the subject of total abstinence but to go that length himself

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1867.

To day the weather was very beautiful and fine all day.

We had little or no Police business simply the adjournment of a case of the Fishery Wherein Alexis Splitto is the defendant and Marantette is the Prosecutor it was adjourned until Thursday because of the Court of Chancery sitting at Sandwich to day

In the afternoon having nothing in particular todo I along with Ellen and Eliza Bell paid a visit to Mount Elmwood Cemetery where we walked about a while amongst the Sepulchres of the dead viewing the different monuments and graves it was very fine weather and the Autumnal foliage on the trees was really beautiful and very pretty and then the moderate heat made it very agreeable and very pleasant we got home all together

In the evening we had a meeting of the Council and passed a few accounts

We had Father Chiniquy in the evening delivering a Lecture in the Church on Popery and what I heard I suppose ~~I got a good part of it~~ it was pretty good a large number were present something like about 200 people and a collection was made at the close of a a dollar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1867.

To day the weather was still very good and fine as it can be

This morning Mr Kemp came in and showed me a Letter from some anonymous person finding fault with his preaching and he asked me about it and I sat down and frankly told him all I knew and he seemed quite grateful to me about the matter and so I went on stated what I thought he ought to do and he took it all in very good part and left me with a good impression of his thorough earnestness in the work

There was not much work at Police Court to day Branston Colyman was fined for a chimney or rather a stovepipe sticking out where a chimney ought to be

I finished to night Alec Forbes of Howglen a capital novel. Just as good as anything of the kind I ever got as far as I can remember the scene being laid at or near Huntly in fact Glamerton must be ~~[illegible]~~ Huntly and it is done very well the character of Bruce in it is pretty bad just as bad a rascal as I ever read about in my life

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1867.

To day the weather was very fine in fact one of the best days of the season wind from the South warm and humid

We were at two cases to day in the Police Court one case for passing a counterfeit Bill and another for the Fishery The Counterfeit Bill case was sent to the assizes for trial and the Fishery case which occupied the entire day was finished and Spilloy fined $25 & costs which was nine dollars

But the case was appealed and so that was all the good that it did us about payment of fine

Rev Mr. Swain took the prayer meeting this evening and did remarkably well I like his remarks about the Scripture and the Apostle Pauls ~~in his~~ last works it being the last Epistle which he wrote and finished very likely a little before his death

I got some papers last night but not much of any importance by way of news here.

I missed Williams Brother Charles went home today at 7.20 in the morning

I sent the fine of the G W R to Strong ~~Hour~~ this afternoon and got receipt from Wynn

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1867.

To day the weather was very fine all day and the Indian Summer seemed in full blast

We had no case of any moment to day further than the case of Harper where his wife appeared as the prosecutor he was committed for trial by the magistrate to the assizes

In the forenoon about twelve O'Clock the foetus of a seven months child was found in rear of Sheley's saloon below the dock near the water no clue to the mother or who put it there I ordered it to be buried there as I could not hold any Inquest on the body of an infant that had never been born alive

Donelly went to Belle River ~~but~~ and held the Inquest but it resulted in nothing as far as I could hear I am going to enquire a little into it

I sent a letter to the Globe to day on the Fishery Question but it is hard to say what will come out of the affair

In the Evening the girls went to Mrs Davies to tea and Helen and I were at Home

No news of any importance to day further than the Garibaldians are still moving on Rome

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1867.

To day the weather ~~the~~ was very good but very dry and enervating. We did not do much unless it was at the Police Court to day when two fellows were fined for being drunk and disorderly one of them paid all the money he had on the affair and Caron granted him further time for the balance and the other one was a [illegible] of Ransom who has it appears plenty of money in the 2nd National Bank of Detroit was just fined for being drunk and then he swore a good deal and he was fined for that as well so that I got out of both of them something like $28 altogether money which was pretty good towards the Town

There was not much news of any importance. We had a singing meeting to night and quite a number of girls came but not enough of boys and we did it very well indeed but William forgot to come down and we were short of male voices

Charles Bell came upon the [illegible] city to night and is stopping with us all night. Eliza has been staying two days at Mrs Kemps

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1867.

To day the weather is still very dry and very warm for this season of the year

I had no business at the Police Court to day of any moment

I see things are getting to a very ticklish pass amongst the Italians and the poor old pope they seem to be pushing matters very fastly and are all anxious to go on to Rome Garibaldi is very much opposed to the Priests of Rome he says they are the curse of the state and have been the foemen of Italian liberty which they no doubt have and what lot of priests have not been the foeman of liberty even our Presbyterian divines are about as much opposed to what is really true progress as any body

I was across the river this afternoon and I bought two little books of anecdotes so that I might be replenished with material about the Sabbath School which I do not want to be if possible

I saw several works which I would like to get but which are too dear for present investment I like the present time it is full of interest to the student of history and full of progress

And wrote a chart with the lines of ancestry to myself

To day the weather is still warm and delightfull and warm beyond anything I ever ~~had~~ felt at this season

Mr Lees is a body that speaks pretty well and made (all others things being equal a very good impression on me as a preacher he gave us a very good discourse in which he laid down the doctrine of man's salvation with singular exactness and really from the orthodox point of view he did it very well indeed. He then made a statement in the morning ~~that~~ about his ~~[illegible]~~ mission with ministers stipend and we pass a resolution to that effect approving of the course of the Synod in the matter

In the evening he gave us a very good discourse indeed on the forgiveness of sins or rather on Faith which was well and simply put together in parts of a very good kind of sermon for the common people

~~We~~ I was not very well coughed and did not feel very well all day had headache Helen also had a headache

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1867.

To day the Weather was good and we had a Shower at night commencing About three Oclock a Little an entirely Winter night
Mr Cameron told me to day that my friend John Mc Brown was running down our singing a good deal and finding fault with us
I have a great mind to give John a bit of mind on the matter
We had ~~he~~ a lot of drunks and disorderlies and we fined them all and sent some to Jail and others we left alone for a short time
The rest of the day we were busy in copying minutes into the big books and was were allowed to go at large
No news of any importance this day unless it be the troubles in the east and our own Fenians ~~of~~ difficulties
Capt Mc Rae and Cameron and I had a little talk on Fenian affairs tonight but not of any moment only we wanted to try and get things to rights as soon as possible
Mr Brown was in this evening and we had quite a talk over matters about Dr Hogarths visit to Europe and what he saw there and his impressions &c

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1867.

To day the weather was cool but dry the rain had completely passed away clear and cool from coming the north last night there had not "been much rain

This morning I was on my way to the office and we had a great turmoil the Commercial Bank had closed its doors and people were running too and fro in every direction some talking one way and some another and the Town was in ~~the~~ a perfect seething boiling cauldron state the whole day the bills were reduced to $ 80 cents on the dollar.

we had no cases in the Lock-up to day of any moment we had information for obtaining money under false pretenses which was very hard that is where a man went and gave Commercial Bills well knowing that the Bank was down and at the same time representing the bills to be good this was in the case of Mary Ann Cannt

The Globe recommended the people last night not to sacrifice their Commercial Bills all would eventually come right if they did not that the assets were ample

The Banks it appears had refused to come to its assistance so it is said

John and Eliza Bell were over at Mrs Fisk's ~~last~~ to night and I went over after them

To day the weather was cold and dry all day.

In the morning we had quite a full Lock-up some five individuals who were all fined among whom was Haggarty the Fiddler and McDougal Williams Baker they were all fined $5= and costs each amounting to $7 20 each the most of which was paid but they fumed a good deal

I wrote the rest of the day at copying my minutes into the big book

In the evening I got a letter from a Miss Whiton Norwich Connecticut telling me of the death of William Elliot an old apprentice of Williams and Minny he died in Texas he is a brother of Alanson Elliot's and Mrs Thomas both.

I received a letter from George Russel and a very good one it was it was a little severe on James Bartlett's wife it said she was haughty she seems to have acted a silly fool in talking with George however he read her like a book

I read in the Globe of to night the Commercial Bank affairs but it seems its management was very bad loaning money to its directors and them at the time insolvent which is disgraceful in my idea we are all right any how for I believe there is the Corporation owe the Bank $4500 at present so I think

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1867.

To day the weather was cold and dry all day wind from the North

One case at the Police Court she was sent to gaol for 20 days a bad French girl

I was busy the rest of the day copying into the big book from my minutes it was quite a job as there was a great number of meetings last year

The commercial Bank has finally ceased to ~~be~~ the object of talk and it has gone down and become one of the things that were some have lost and some have made money by the transaction

There is no other news of any importance that we can hear of

The folks all went out tonight and left me to take care of my young folks alone and I went in for reading

I read a splendid article on the free trade of England in reply to some observations of the New York Times it was well put One article in particular on the Church Congress was very good in fact the laymen of the Church of England will be overbearing on the clergy if the clergy don't bestir themselves The Earl of Harrowby recommends them to take a leaf out of the Presbyterian book and get the laymen represented and not have the clergy doing every thing

I finished Goldwin Smith's book ~~of~~ the Lectures on Historical Subjects I read a critique on another course of Lectures Pym Cromwell & Pitt they are said to be good

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day excellent October weather There was no Police business Of any kind today The balance of the day in the Office I gave to copying my Minutes which I got along nicely with

The Commercial Bank bills are being taken for goods 80 cents on the $ by Cameron and Thorburn Cameron is very amusing in his predictions on banking and currency he opposes every body in their talk on currency matters especially if they take what may be called the popular view of the case and talks with the wisdom of a Solomon on what his ideas would be it appears yesterday that there was a run on the Royal Canadian Banks in Toronto but it did not amount to much

In the evening we had the Singing meeting but did not get along so well as we could wish so we did not attempt anything great

I commenced reading again Froude's History of England after the death of Henry the VIII

I wrote an article on the Fishing question in the Record which was pretty fair I thought it is Sarkey Island the Government Inspector is here now [illegible]

James Dunbar of Amherstburg died last Sunday

To day the weather was fine all day.

No Police business of any moment as far as money was concerned but we sent John Desale for rioting and one paid his fine of $5 & costs. They were all coloured.

I copied out my minutes the rest of the day until nearly dark.

We expected a Fishing case on this afternoon but it did not come as Marcantette had connived on being himself.

No news of any importance worth the speaking about Garibaldi the day is going on to Rome in spite of everything and that he will soon be in the Holy city.

The other banks of the Province are being run all over and quite a fuss among the Banks is evident everywhere and what it will amount to it is hard to say the Globe keeps shovelling on to King of the Bank of Montreal who will doubtless laugh in his sleeve at the whole matter.

Saw tonight the mans birds in the Hall and he whistled a little at ~~the~~ them so as to show how they whistled or sung and gave them notes with wonderful accuracy.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1867.

To day the weather was very good indeed all day

Mr Kemp preached with wonderful effect to day he preached from 2d Peter 1st Chapter and 10th verse "wherefore give ~~the~~ all diligence to make your calling and election sure for if you do these things you shall never fall" he explained the calling and election and also the giving all diligence and it was really very good indeed he read all the day but not slavishly and nothing could have succeeded better

In the evening he preached from the 8th chap of Jeremiah and the 7th verse "Yea the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgement of the Lord" He read again and the people were truly delighted with him we never heard him with better effect it raised all our hearts his beautiful and touching appeal at the end was really good at the all the trials troubles and difficulties that flesh is heir to they were to come and there was balm in Gilead for them all I never felt the force of his preaching until to day all were delighted with him did not see one that was not pleased with him

Mr Blackadder and myself distributed our papers this afternoon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1867.

To day the weather was very Hazy and very peculiar threatened rain as I thought all day

We were to have an extradition case today but some arrangement or another was / made between the parties that Law took him over and the consequence was that Carr was quite in a passion and they were threatening to ~~trust~~ suspend Law that is Carr and some others for ~~their~~ his dereliction of duty and his overstepping his rights

In the evening we had a Council meeting and it was a rather noisy one in fact it was one that does no credit to representative bodies we ought to lift ourselves above the petty desires of men and not legislate merely because it suits ourselves but let it be for the largest number and that they will be benefited

Garibaldi is said to be at the gates of Rome and and that the French fleet has sailed from Toulon and a French army is on its way to checkmate Garibaldi and if possible keep him out of Rome

All the people today were very much pleased with Mr Kemp yesterday and were anxious that he should continue in the way he has begun

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1867.

The weather today has been hazy and ~~and~~ Indian Summer like but fine all day

No news of much importance from Rome there seems to be a good deal of Check mating going on and the French are gone off to meet him that is Garibaldi But the whole affair will be the soldiery up a the top of a volcanoe

I read an excellent English paper today the London Evening Mail and the Editorials were very good indeed One especially on the Non Personality of an Editor a Correspondent has no business to touch the personality of an Editor but deal with his arguments that is the proper way The Egyptian Canal has come in for a good deal of redicule in the matter of Means they are now trying to raise money for it on the English market and the times redicules them.

Alexander Parent has failed I understand and his liabilities are $2200. and assets only about $1000 extraordinary family expenses and extravagance

Eliza Bell went down on the valley city this evening and she was attended to the boat by quite a large number

In the evening I wrote a letter to ~~the Church~~ George Russel I filled four sheets of note paper The girls were at the Hursts this evening

Noble was threatened with croup tonight

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1867.

To day the weather has been quite change when I got up in the morning it was raining and has continued at intervals all day and raw and cold

We had only old Beck and some old miserable drunkards to day which we sent down to gaol

In the afternoon they came about the fishing cases and I sat from one oclock until about five never leaving my seat all the time just writing on the whole time and writing as hard as I could until I got through,

In the evening Mr Kemp came in and Mr Mc Lowen and we had a warm discussion on the education of girls Mr Kemp taking the ground against the teaching girls the higher branches and Mc L and I the other side of the affair there was not much new in the discussion then we got on the development theory and there where I think Mr Kemp has the best of it he knows so well the whole line of argument

We had just about a dozen at a prayer meeting we did not hold a missionary meeting to night and ~~we~~ I was just as well pleased

The Commercial Bank failure is coming up a little better I think

To day it was dry all day and the weather mild wind to night South West. We had no cases before the Police Court to day at all. Sayer Pat away down amongst the Indians. I copied a letter at my minutes I got as far as 1867 all ready for MacDonell to sign

I did not hear any news to day of any moment further than to say that Bismark has stepped in and said he will not permit France to fight against Italy and that she must not do anything further than help the Church

I read an article to night by Mathew Arnold on Culture wherein he takes the ground that culture is as Montesquieu explains it is to render an intelligent being still more intelligent. The article is written to correct an idea that prevails amongst some that a smattering of Greek & Latin is really culture or even as others think the Sciences or as others think what we might call decorum and behaviour

This is what the Scotch would call Halloween and the girls are keeping up a fuss among the nuts and stuff &c.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1867.

To day it was a nice day all day but cool with the wind from the South West

We had another of those Fishing cases on to day until four or five in the afternoon and the usual bickering took place and the usual high words and feelings

Then the robbery case against the Indians for taking away Ouellette's seine all was gone with and the robbery case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The Police Magistrate had a very sore felon on his finger and he was quite fevered with it all day

Bishop Strachan died to day at the age of 91 quite sensible to the last so it said.

Government are in trouble about financial affairs that is their Policy with Banks they are said that is the Bankers have had a meeting with the Government and that the Govt have promised to give them what they ask for

We had a nice nights singing tonight Mr Kemp gave us the lines and we really did pretty well our tunes were all by that means selected for Sunday

No news of any importance to day that I have heard of there was quite a fire this evening in Detroit

This was All Saints day and there was ~~Gtt~~ a holiday among the French

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1867.

To day the weather was very beautiful all day wind South west clouded a little towards night

We had the finishing of those Fishery cases today and they were all committed for trial at the assizes but let out on Bail by the Magistrate, the whole thing is very annoying to me I had to work tonight until nine o'clock making out my bail bonds for the bail which is all very well for those who take them but hard on the poor clerk

A good deal of squabbling among the Banks who are all at loggerheads and they are all down upon the King and the Bank of Montreal

Got another letter from the Young Lady who informed me about William Elliot She mentioned that she had received one from Thomas Elliot - No doubt Tom would soon be looking out for any property he had he is a wily fellow

I got a paper from Scotland with Grant Duff's Speech in it it is a good one and he is evidently a very clever man a man of great breadth of mind and purpose and evidently a thinker he gives his people a nice digest of his proceedings every year

I am a good deal bothered with my eyes now they get sore at night reading with candle light

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1867.

Today the weather came in with a Thunderstorm and rain during the day at intervals all day, and at night it partially cleared off and blew a perfect gale

Mr Kemp preached pretty well he preached from Zachariah 14th 20th verse about holiness on the Bells of the Horses he gave us a very fair sermon and I understood that the people heard him pretty well he treated the subject very well indeed and told us in the end that we ought not to engage in anything that we could not write on it holiness to the Lord

In the afternoon we did not have many at the Sabbath School I talked to the Children a little and they were all interested I thought

In the evening Mr Kemp preached from Luke 11th chap 1st verse about prayer principally from the words Lord teach us to pray the sermon was good and stirring and in fact full of hope and comfort that we will get what we ask only if we ask believingly. While we were in at sermon the Church shook so that it almost frightened the people

I should be afraid that many a poor sailor this night ~~they~~ may find a watery grave by the tremendous gale that is blowing while I ~~right~~ write

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day

We had some cases of the Fishermen to day which were adjourned untill Monday next But then I heard that the whole matter was settled this afternoon by and between the parties Whitston had got a hold of White and they settled the whole matter by the Indians acknowledging that they were wrong and paying all expenses we have, thus the end of the Fishing cases.

The assizes opened to day by Judge Morrison and Alex Cameron was Queen's counsel he had no cases ready to day and then were I understood a few civil case tried Pollock versus the Royal Canadian Bank. Pollock was burst up on the case and the poor fellow was sent to the right about

Grasset went away this morning at four o'clock and is therefore going to give us some trouble in getting him back in the suit against Marantette I have telegraphed for him

I copied a lot of By Laws to day and made all preparations necessary for Marantettes trial with the corporation we did our best to get every thing ready on the spot when it should come on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1867.

To day the Weather was still fine and there being no business before the Police Court I Started to Sandwich and found the Assize Court engaged with a case of Shelby versus McCrae a case of a Bargain in Which Shelby had bought a lot of goods from Gall the Tailor and had ~~sold~~ Paid them as he says $500 but Gall said only $200 or thereabouts Bowmer & Prince was for Shelby and Matthew Cameron was for McCrae he Matthew is very sharp & he handled the case with wonderful acumen and handled poor Shelby's witnesses without gloves and poor McKeand the Tailor caught it the fact is he had gone into the witness box and knew nothing of the case at all and Cameron gave him an awful dressing on the matter

The consequence was that the dexterity with which he handled the case astonished everybody and he got a verdict for McCrae and therefore Beat Shelby

The other case on which he got was a case in Which Lepinsack ~~Hewitt~~ sued John Wright for giving him a thrashing and Cameron gave ~~the~~ Dr King such a dressing in the witness box that he fainted

No news of any importance further than that Garibaldi was defeated at Rome and taken Prisoner so says the papers

We telegraphed several times to Grasset to day but he did not come, and we shall likely get baulked in our business from all appearance

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1867.

To day the weather was still good
I hurried down to Sandwich and found them engaged in just shuting off a case of some oil business When there had been some lapses in the papers and the things came to an end prematurely
The next case was the one of ~~Jonathan~~ Murray ~~George~~ who was tried for breaking into the House of Mrs Robison Mrs Robison stood a very severe trial and went through it fine (a trojan held her own against John O'Connor all he could do the fellow was brought in guilty and he was sent ~~for~~ to Kingston for five years after that came the case of Murray and Kennedy for breaking into Mrs Shubert's House who were cleared because a lot of lies were told about young Kennedy ~~and~~ by the Laddies who were all drunk together Arthur Kennedy was very severe on us he thought we ought to do something different and not have committed them to save

In the afternoon Marantette came to town and settled the affair by us taking a verdict and he going to make $30.00 good to us within a fortnight he seems a great sort of a fellow talks the greatest nonsense I have ever heard any man speak of

Poor Garibaldi seems to have got badly whipped from all appearances

To day the weather was fine all day for the season

I went to Sandwich to Court but we did not get the case of Kate Wilson on there was a very long Land case which occupied the Court the most of the day That is after it started In the forenoon the case of Jonathan George for rape was tried and resulted in a verdict of guilty and he was sentenced to be hung it was once a very solemn thing to see the poor fellow sentenced to be hung but the law makes no allowance I could scarcely refrain from shedding tears when I heard the sentence passed on him although I felt satisfied at the time ~~yet~~ that it would not be carried out However they must petition for his reprieve at once

It was about 7 Oclock before I got home at night And it is a very tiresome thing to have to wait on a Court all that time No news of much importance further then the election of Cockburn as Speaker he being moved by the ministry and no opposition was manifested on either side it is said There is difficulty in the Cabinet Mr Galt was obliged to resign on Tuesday last on account of the Financial matters with the Commercial Bank so it is said We are all well at present I am getting a considerable cold in my head

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1867.

The weather still good and fine

Police matters were more thriving to day than usual I made out papers against three of them all disorderlies before I went to Sandwich

I went to Sandwich and found them just getting backed in an insurance case they were obliged to adjourn it to next Court

Then came on the case of Kate Wilson which did not take a great while but poor Dewson seemed to me to be perfectly oblivious of what he was about he eats opium all the time and quit get along at all he forgot that he had opened the body of Mrs Payne at all and said that he was not very sure about the death of Mrs Payne it was the probable cause I never saw such a piece of shuffling evidence all my life Had I not been there Kate would certainly have got off altogether but I made Cameron cross question him as to the opening of the body Kate was brought in guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to two years Penitentiary a small sentence in my opinion

In the afternoon we had Harper sentenced to one month for common assault and we had strange law laid down as I understood it by Judge Morrison as to passing counterfeit money He stated that he would not convict without the man was here that signed the bill

We had an excellent singing practice to night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1867.

To day the weather was a little lowering but it had been considerable storm last night after we came in and it rained a good deal

We had no business of any moment to day and we only put one case through by way of taking an information against some fishermen in Petite Cote. I wrote out the summonses and Sam Post served them so that we had not much trouble

The rest of the day I worked up some work that was behind and was absolutely necessary to be done

The United States Fall elections have all gone against the ~~D~~ Republicans so I understand and the Democrats are therefore jubilant over their successes so that Andy Johnson is encouraged and every thing seems hopeful so it is said for the poor Locos

In England there seems to be no abatement much of the excitement over the ~~combat~~ Fenian Riots &c.

The Methodists have come out with Lachlan Taylor as a lecturer and he will be able to replenish their church at the rate we are going ~~to~~ on He is to lecture at the rectory 50 cents for single and 75 cents for double tickets, an extraordinary charge in my opinion

The English papers do not contain much that is new principally occupied with Garibaldi &c No cable news today Of any moment

To day the weather was fine all day and the wind blew a little strong but not much

Mr Kemp did not read to day and he made a mess of it in my opinion he spoke upon the words While you are in this world we shall have tribulation in fact the whole sermon was a good sermon spoiled in the delivery We commenced the Hymns to day and got along very well

The Sabbath School was got along with nicely and we mentioned to the children that we were to have cards with Hymns on them

In the Evening we had a sermon on the words that there was a fountain opened in the House of David ~~and~~ for the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness he keyed up his voice again to the very top and was therefore in my opinion a complete failure

To day the weather was cold and blowing from the North
Not much Police business to day
I was getting ready for a visit to Toronto tomorrow morning and so I started to fix matters preparatory to leaving I wrote to Toronto on Saturday and on this morning I received a letter from Miss Williams Brother Stating that I could be in time by starting tomorrow morning at four OClock
Nothing new of any moment that I see Parliament seems to be commencing with the passage of the address there will to all appearance be no opposition as things look even a little squally with John A Town in his own wigwam and so the matter goes on at present, what will be the nature of the Legislation this session it is hard to see
There was quite a number of folks in this ~~Season~~ Evening and some of them kept me a little too long out of my Bed as I was very anxious to have as long a sleep as possible the night was bitterly cold when I went to bed

Wednesday ~~TUESDAY~~, NOVEMBER 1~~2~~3, 1867.

To day the weather was cold and frosty wind from the North a little Went to the agricultural meeting and we had quite an animated discussion during the forenoon on grants of Societies and Townships Societies we had quite a discussion Cowan of Waterloo is a great bore of a fellow and full of Crotchets Seems to have an idea that he is a leading man and one of great authority in agricultural matters we got through with the meeting about half past twelve oclock I then went and settled some accounts and I also after dinner went and ~~settled~~ bought a lot of things for the girls and all the children and Helen spent somewhere about $30 In the afternoon after that was done I went and Charlie Williams gave me a drive through the city and I was well pleased with the appearance of matters a good deal of business was done by Railroads &c and other avenues of trade but Toronto must always suffer more or less on account the narrowness of its streets

I got tea about half past five bid farewell to all Mrs Williams family and left Toronto by 6-20 train Mr King of Buxton was in the same train going to Hamilton quite a pleasant chat

Thursday ~~WEDNESDAY,~~ NOVEMBER 1~~3~~4, 1867.

Cold and Frosty found myself in
Windsor at 6.20 in the morning a little
fatigued but not much
No business of any moment today
at Police Court ~~Save~~ the Fishery case
was dropped and the bottom fell out
of it in less than no time and
Marantette adjudged to pay costs this
was the case on account of Mason and
Cuthbert's men interfering with boats
Fishing
In the afternoon I put Helen on train
for Ann Arbor in Michigan Central depot
and sent her on I sent a telegraph to
meet her there at the Station
In the evening I came Home and
being rather tired I early went to bed
not however before reading the Globe's
account of our agricultural discussion
it puts me rather prominently forward
today although yesterday we did not
do time much good it called me secretary
of a Township Society in Essex
No news of any importance today
that I hear of all was quiet at home
during my absence as far as I
heard Our young folks are
moving or are talking about a
Soiree or Meeting No news of
any kind about ~~at~~ Parliamentary
topics unless it ~~[illegible]~~ the dull debate
on the address

See Wednesday Tuesday ~~THURSDAY,~~ NOVEMBER 12. 1867.

To day got up at half past three oClock the night was clear and frosty when I started found Mr Kemp at the Station ready waiting on me although I was there at the same time as he was

We started all right got to Chatham took a cup of coffee there break of day just commencing about Glencoe the snow began to fall slightly and was about I should think three inches deep from Komoka and London had breakfast at London there refreshed started again left Mr Kemp at London for Presbytery yet I went on was interested in having a gentleman behind me by the name of Graham a tremendous Brown man and a fellow who edits a small paper in the farming interests about London then when we got to Woodstock another man a great friend of Gibbs of Ontario came in and he and I had a discussion about Reform matters and a Methodist minister pitched in for George Brown with considerable vim I tell you

When I got to Toronto found Mrs Williams's son at the Depot and I jumped into the Buggy and went with him got dinner & went to Agricultural meeting stayed until six got tea and went again to meeting and ~~got~~ stayed until eleven at night there was a deal of discussion not very satisfactory to me

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1867.

Still Cold Wind from the North inclined to Snow a little

~~[illegible] agricultural Meeting at Nine had quite a dies~~

To day we had very little to do the Wilson fishing case did not go on yesterday but went on to day and dropped through did not amount to much at all

The news in Parliament to day is not much the address is furnished and presented I suppose

There was quite a heavy gale to day on the Lake I should think shipping would likely suffer badly

We had a pretty good Meeting for Singing to night Quite a good practise and very well sustained through

The young folks had a meeting to night about a Scheme to get an organ and I am quite satisfied from what I know there will be difficulty in the way However I will let them go on and have their own way.

Our Hymnbook will help us largely in Singing I think I brought some from Toronto with me which I will get up to assist us in our selections.

Miss Buchanan came from Colchester this afternoon

Gosling and Washington were fined $15 each for violation of License Law

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1867.

To day the weather was still very cold and dry

There was nothing before the Police Court to day of any moment to day

I would have liked to have gone to Ann Arbor this morning but one thing after another prevented me so I had to wait untill afternoon

I went across the river in the afternoon and I found that no Dexter train ran on Saturday so I was obliged to wait untill the 5 35 train out which was just one hour from the time I expected however I got all ready ~~th~~ and my tickets which cost me $1 10 American money which I consider very cheap and very reasonable for 39 miles travel when I got to Ann Arbor after getting to the station I found that ~~all~~ no one was there to receive me so I walked all round at first I went up along the streets untill I came to a street that leads as I thought to the University when on to that I soon found out the University ground and then the difficulty I had in finding Adam Spence's House but ultimately I did find it and I found them all right and found every body glad to see me

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1867.

To day fine but cold wind from the North

I walked out after Breakfast and went into the Cemetery found it a place capable of great beautification but not very much done to I should think ultimately it will be a nice place

Went to Presbyterian Church to hear a Mr Erdman who is newly placed and a good preacher he is He preached from the II chap of 1st Corinthians 1st verse And I brethren when I came to you came not with excellency of speech &c The Sermon partook of a good deal of the duties of Pastor and people and the plain way each ought to deal with the other One part he said a Minister requires ~~ought~~ to be a ready Jurman as good a talker as a Lawyer and as good a doctor as a Doctor so that he really had to combine the capabilities of the three and only got the pay of one

In the evening he preached from the vision of Peter with the sheet knit at the four corners a good sermon on the idea of men denying any one their rights when all were clean before God

I was not very well to day we had quite a pleasant day to day all day with good Christian people

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1867.

To day the weather was still
cold and miserable winds from
the North
went through the University Museum
to day and saw a great many objects
of interest saw the statue of Rogers
Nydia a sculpture in marble instead
Stucco as some of the casts are saw
a great variety of Fish fowl all kinds
of beasts and creeping things saw
the Library it is quite a large building
and a great variety of books in it
but chiefly scientific saw and ~~sot~~
classical
In the afternoon went into the
laboratory and saw the Pharmacy
and Materia Medica saw the
Museum a great many monstrosities
of creatures in bottles such as children
at birth some of them fearful looking
like creatures as ~~the~~ ever saw and
then casts shewing all kinds of diseases
&c Took the train at 4 33
and got home here about seven oclock
in the evening very well pleased
with our visit to Ann Arbor
We found all up at home
Thomas Noble came in in the evening
just as little after we came
I had quite a chat with Mr McEwan
he came in in the evening
no news of any importance Thomas
Noble and wife staid all night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1867.

To day the weather was cold but fine all day

Not much at Police Court today of any momentum. I was a little wearied by knocking about

Thomas Noble and Mariann came home today but unfortunately they got into difficulty with the Fairest about their boy Thomas who was staying with them which resulted in them taking Thomas home a bad job in my opinion when he might have been so well off with his uncle in this town but such is the way of the world

There is some news of an intended conference on the Roman Question which will settle the whole matter it is distressing to have that miserable affair paralyzing the whole of Europe

No news of any moment from Parliament Rose has been made Finance Minister

Heard a fellow recite Enoch Arden tonight from end to end and also the Comical poem of Nothing to wear He did them pretty well considering not quite force enough

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day but not very cold

Scarcely any work before the Police Court to day of any moment

There was a case between two men named Walsh and Adair for assault but it was dismissed on account of Adair being too ~~ruffly~~ roughly handled the case was dismissed with costs on Walsh

The Fishing case of the Hen and Chickens Island was finished yesterday by the overseer Mr Marantette being down in the Florence and they took quite a quantity of nets and fish and fined the men twenty dollars each

I wrote a letter to the young people of the congregation telling them to postpone their ~~work~~ raising money for the organ and try and raise money for the liquidation of the Church's debt they seemed at first not pleased ~~and~~ but they gave in so it is said we will therefore see more the worse of doing the little effort that is to be done for that behalf

I see by the Parliamentary Reports tonight that there is not much doing at Ottawa good not badly as usual

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1867.

To day the weather was fine all day quite Indian Summer like. No Police work to day of any moment

I collected a good deal of taxes to day Jn Rouson he is working up the taxes pretty well and is going at them hammer and tongs next week

The Imperial Parliament met yesterday or rather on the 19th instant no news of much importance the independent members ~~wit~~ all venting their ideas about the poor old pope

I read an excellent address on education by Mr Lowe one of great vigour of thought he seems to be a remarkable man I should think there would be few equal to him in intellect in the House in fact he is a man that can dovetail an address as well together as any I ever saw His principal idea was that the useless an a foolish waste of time made by the present generation over the classical and Ancient History department. the want of knowledge shown by many persons even in the most modern Political and Judicial arrangements of the country

This was our Thanksgiving Sermon Mr Kemp gave a pretty good Sermon about our mercies &c

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1867.

To day the weather was some threating and looked a little like rain but very little rain

Our Police business was great to day three fellows who were armed and strolling about the streets in the night were all imprisoned and brought up to day and fined $5 & costs each two paid their fine and the other one was taken to jail. No other work to day

The Parliamentary news is that there was a good deal of discussion on Mr Colonel Dennis's trial who was tried for Cowardice in the Fenian trouble on the Frontier

I read also the account of the discussion on the ~~boat~~ relations between the Local and Federal Governments which was rather interesting

The Essex Petition has been received and referred to the Election Committee

I read a letter from the Times correspondent on the Abyssinia Expedition the first of Dr Russells

We were at Mr Lowe's to tea to night and ~~has~~ had quite a talk about Lowe's Lecture

No news of any importance I was at the Singing a short time to night but not long

Sunday ~~SATURDAY~~, NOVEMBER 24 1867.

This Morning I was quite unwell had one of those miserable headaches so common to me the day was very fine all day although there had been a shower during the ~~aft~~ night

I did not go to Church in the forenoon but stayed at home and I was by no means well I did not go to Church in the afternoon to attend Sunday School but I went in the evening and we had a fair sermon from Mr Trump on the choice that Lot made in choosing the cities of the plain a very good sermon he made of it although he would do much better if he read in my opinion

There was something very strange about the thing I had been particularly reading about the dead sea and cities of the plain and giving a general discription of country all round

Saturday ~~SUNDAY~~, NOVEMBER 23, 1867.

To day the day was beautiful and dry all day real Indian Summer weather

There was no business of any moment before the Police Court to day

I was not so busy to day although I would have plenty of work but we were a kind of loath to do work in this warm kind of weather and I was a kind of heavy to day some way or other that I could not keep a wake scarcely after tea at night But I got on pretty well and read a good deal after that

I was across the river this afternoon and bought a copy of Goldwin Smith's three Statesmen Pym Cromwell and Pitt I suppose I will likely have a treat in reading it up

To day the three Fenians of Manchester will be hung as the government seems determined to put the law in force against them in order to vindicate the Law

To day the weather was quite
sloppy all day and occasional
showers fell a great deal had fallen
during the night
there was no Police business
to day of any importance
I was busy all day drafting
by Laws for the coming meeting of
the Council but no Council met
although we had them all present
but not at the same time
No news of any importance
save that the Fenians had been
hanged in Manchester but no
adverse demonstration of any
moment was found to have taken
place the Government were prepared
to have made them bite the dust
whenever they did any thing wrong
Nothing very stirring in either
the States or Canada to night
our young folks are moving in
the organ question or rather of them
some they think it ought to have been
for the organ instead of for the Church
debt The day they have altered to Thursday
in order to allow the St Andrews people
free play
We had a lot of young folks tonight
in the House

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1867.

To day the weather was a little kind of dreary all day and very fall like

We had a case of Mr Dommauph for selling liquor and allowing it to be drunk on his premises. he made the best defence he could he was fined ten dollars and costs and granted untill the thirtieth to pay it in

John Mooney's case was postponed untill Thursday the 28th instant for further evidence but he seems to have more willing witnesses than Mr Dommauph

In the afternoon Ladd the younger John Ladd was informed against for stealing turkeys at Pourparts and was arrested and locked up for the night

No news of any importance Parliamentary news quite dull and uninteresting

I understand they come to have a a moderation at Detroit to report for a call for Michigan a young man of some parts so they say at least

The Rankinites appear to be jubilant over the fact that Rankin will surely take his seat in place of O'Connor but O'Connor will beat him so they say. what will be the upshot of the matter I do not see the Confederation act bears rather against him

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1867.

To day the weather was a kind of heavy all day and looked like rain We had a case of Turkey Stealing to day against Ladd Williamsons brother in law he was convicted and sent to Gaol for thirty days he seemed to think the matter was serious when he was sent to Gaol never dreamt that it was going so far but he did not succeed in getting off and was taken down to the Queens Boarding House

In the afternoon I wrote a Note to Mr Bell enclosing his legal Stamps No News of any moment that I hear off I got several Parliamentary documents to day one from Walter Mc Crae and one from John Osborne relating to the Statistics of the Province they will assist me in getting up matter for the Local House on the Agriculture Statute

In the evening we had a Missionary meeting at the Church and elected the office bearers of it Mr Kemp was elected President and he read a very good address which was to the purpose

The St Andrews folks are to have a Jubilation on Friday evening at Detroit Mr Lowe is to Speak on the occasion No news of any moment otherwise

To day the weather was fine but rainy all day

We had no Police work of any moment other than a disorderly who was fined two dollars

Some informations were made against Betsy on Fish and Julius Rolff made one against Albert Hutton for Assault

I collected a great deal of Taxes to day for Rowson and paid him over one hundred and sixty dollars in cash which was a good deal in one day. He is driving the matter through pretty rapidly

In the evening the two Miss Williams and Miss Buchanan and I went to the Soiree or Conversazione as it is called given by the young people and quite a success it was every thing went off in the greatest good humour and style Mr Yarndly and Mr Matson on the violin and piano and Mr Taylor singing Mr Gibson and a Mr Banfield acted admirably and we passed one of the most comfortable evenings we ever had in the Town Hall and we were delighted the only point in the matter was the lack of instruction there was no speaking of any moment Mr Rupp did it all and seemed very happy in the matter in fact

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1867.

To day we had quite a wet spell it poured rain at a fearful rate until twelve oclock when it came a kind of sleet then it turned to ~~rain~~ snowing and freezing quite a disagreeable day altogether

I was quite busy to day all day getting in taxes for Robson he was quite busy getting in taxes so as to get ~~them~~ all in by the 14th of December.

No news of any importance the parliamentary legislation on the subject of the dominion is very slow Blake made a pretty good speech on matters connected with the rights of the ministry taking their seats ~~then~~ He says the minister of militia has no right ~~for~~ to his seat because the confederation act does not mention him as being amongst the privy councillor No news of any moment about town this was the St Andrews night and [illegible] out as it is so bad I did not venture

The town committee had an ~~soiree~~ oyster supper to night at Whitby our girls Miss Williams and Miss Buchanan were present I read a good speech of Bernal Osborne's to day on the ministry

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1867.

A very cold day Thermometer down to only ~~th~~ ten degrees above zero which is pretty serious for the warm weather we have had

We had only two cases of drunkenness to day

I was quite unwell all day up to about four oclock in the after noon quite bilious

We took in the cook stove to day out of the kitchen and put it in the dining room outside

No news of any importance worth the speaking about I was busy reading all day that I was able to read I read an account of Charles Dickens complimentary dinner which was certainly a very brilliant affair Lord Lytton in the chair the speeches were capital and the enthusiasm unbounded at the treat they were receiving

No news from Parliament of any kind worth speaking of

Quite a job getting along at present in keeping the Paupers within check they are getting very obstreperous

Saw that Mr Lyon had made a very fine address last night at the St Andrews dinner in Detroit as did also Bethune Duffield

To day the weather was pretty cold The wind was found from the South west

Mr Kemp preached pretty well to day he read carefully in the morning all ~~day~~ the time and when he reads he is altogether better he is more Concise and has his subject better digested together than when his extempore effusions are produced

In the afternoon we had a very good Sunday school considering the severity of the weather

In the evening he (Mr Kemp) began a a sermon on Pauls conversion just when he had got the length of Dr Chalmers conversion the cry of fire was heard and we all left as speedily as possible

The fire was in Chapins Stable and it burned his House, Rolffs Store Bowe Browns Store Rices Cabinet Shop Haggarty Jewellery Ball Alley and stopped at Bowes House but burned a Grums House and the old Catholic House on George Street before it was stopped If it had not been the Detroit Steam Fire engine that came over where it would have stopped it was hard to say I worked as hard as I could both at buckets and everything

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1867.

To day Weather moderate and clear ~~for~~ People all looking on at the Fire as before. The losses various by estimation at Chater $10 000 Insured for $3500 Rolff $8000 Insured for $3400 White $9000 Insured for $4000 Reid $1000 Haggerty $200 Ball alley $300 No Insurance Green $400 No insurance the other house about the same. A good deal of feeling is manifested in Town against some the people that did not assist in extinguishing the Fire In fact some of our young folks I am told actually laughed at the idea of doing any thing in the matter!

In the evening we had a very good meeting of the Board of Trade and succeeded in passing several important Resolutions. One recommending the Council to get a Steam Fire Engine One about an Intercolonial Board of Trade and one appointing Mr Dougall our delegate to that Board Then we had a fearful time with John Richmond who was drunk and misbehaving himself very badly and in fact he was a complete nuisance and nothing else but a nuisance as I told him that he ought to be locked up in the Lock

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1867.

To day the weather was fine but quite cold

I worked all day getting ready for the Council meeting to night. The meeting was an important one people from all round town are anxious to have Fire Limits established and they are also anxious to have a Steam fire Engine and also they are in favour of giving a reward given to the Detroit Firemen for the conduct in extinguishing the fire last night or the night before last

The Council met all present excepting Mr Steel Who has gone to England yesterday and a resolution of absence was made by the Council for him The Council passed a By Law appointing Returning Officers and also one appointing Chimney Sweeps and one giving fire Limits and read one for raising $6000 to Buy a Steam Fire Engine we also passed a resolution giving $300 in gold as a reward to the Detroit Firemen for their meritorious conduct in ~~in~~ extinguishing the Fire the thing was put under the direction of the Mayor

no news of any moment to report but just the fire all is absorbed by that

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1867.

To day I was very busy all day in getting my things ready & worked on from half past eight in the morning until nine at night. I did not go to the prayer meeting so that I was absent but with the consent of Mr Kerry who stated in the afternoon I had to get ready my by laws. There was something in getting up all the cheques and also my accounts.

The Parliamentary business this ~~afternoon~~ week was entirely out of view while going to Kingston with the Sheriff as his bailiff in taking down prisoners to the Penitentiary. The second last week came down on wife and made a complete mess of the affair. Poor wife will not be able to hold up her head if they continue on the way they are doing.

An attempt was made last night to burn Mr. Dumoughs store by some one trying heap up shavings about an oil barrel in a shed in the barn.

It was pretty cold to day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1867.

There was quite a heavy wind to day from the west.

I was still very busy all day and used to my work I scarcely got my work which the Council did the other night. Then I have all my quarters accounting before me to finish. I get no help from Cannon he appears to be of very little use. My office is certainly no sinecure at present.

Some are beginning to talk about building of wood in spite of the By Law of the Council whether they will do so or not will be a question.

We were down at Daniel McGeorge's at tea to ~~day~~ night Mr and Mrs Young were there and we had a most excellent tea but almost too abundant in fact there was Turkey oysters and every thing that the heart could desire in the matter. There was slight pieces of ice beginning to run but not enough the vessels have not all laid up yet. The Road is still running.

A good deal of surmising and planning is being made about Thomas Noble, poor fellow who is very ill and who wishes to get off this farm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1867.

To day in the morning it was quite Thawing with a strong wind from the South West it got round to the North West by night and blew one of the most terrific gales that ever blew one vessel dragged her anchor nearly a mile up the river and went through the break water of the G T Railway at the round House the Ferry boats stopped and were unable to cross the Great Western got into the trough of the sea and rolled so that I thought she would shake her pipes out of her it was really a fearful day and night In the evening we had a meeting in the church for singing and it made the old church shake again there was bits of the plaster falling near and thing I was very busy to day with my conveyancing all day out and out but I was bothered with my police business besides and Aaron will not do anything himself without me in fact he is getting worse than ever on it our Practice of music to night was very good in and they made $100 by the Soiree free of costs

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1867.

Cold and blowing Still quite a
Cold wind all day from the East
hard at work upon my Convictions
all day there seems to be an interminable
amount of them indeed I scarcely
ever had so many before however
there is no help for the making of
them out there appears to be a
provision in the Law about
the matter and we have got to
do it but it is said that scarcely
any of the Magistrates throughout the
country do it any where
so that we are alone in that matter
The news is not much that I know
of tonight in fact it is hard for
me to keep up about news at
all as we are so drove with
work all the time that I scarcely
get time to think at all in
the matter
As for Literary matters I cannot
touch them at all at present
my Office business is almost engrossing
all my time together with the
Council business no news of
any importance worth the speaking
about at all

To day the weather was pretty cold and we were not in a good position with our church stoves they had not been fixed so we had only two and were therefore cold.

No news of any importance as far as I heard to day

Mr Turup preached a very well to day in the forenoon on christ the light of the world he read his sermon carefully all through

In the afternoon we had a very good Sabbath School very good indeed

In the evening he preached from Pauls conversion on his way to Damascus this was the same sermon we had the Sabbath before when he was stopped in the middle of ~~the~~ it with the fire

I was not just very well to day but no one knew anything about the matter

I heard to day that a man named Lesperance and his wife were killed on the Great Western Railway at Pike Creek last night and their son nearly killed at the Junction

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1867.

To day the weather was quite moderate

I was very busy all day to day at my papers for the Session I got Goodenough to assist me and we got along a great many of them it is the largest Session we have had for many years that is the largest number of convictions

There has been no end to them as far as I have seen what among fishery cases and other matters the whole thing has become an intolerable bore

I worked tonight until nine o'clock and then gave 50 cents and went into the Catholic Soiree upstairs with Cameron and others

The Soiree was quite rush in fact a regular jam I did not taste any thing there but came away as early as possible as I was very tired and miserable my eyes were quite sore and full of sharp prickles &c

There was no news of any importance that I hear of today we are not having very much that is exciting of anything to day or by our Parliament that is now sitting

To day it was not very cold in fact a little moderate

After getting all my things ready to day I took the convictions in the appeal cases to Sandwich and we had them entered and some things preliminary to trying the appeals gone on with

Then several ~~of the~~ cases of notes against Hutton that were brought up and they were not defended Judgment in case was given

Then I understood the Court adjourned for to day

I got Henry Goodenough to go and serve Ohara for tomorrow on the appeal case against McDonough so we may be able to be present tomorrow

No news of any moment at present that I know of and I should not be surprised that our Parliament adjourns without doing any thing worth the speaking about there seems to be nothing ~~of de~~ doing about the tariff of any moment the ministry are uncertain about any thing they are to do

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1867.

To day all the convictions were sent down to Lacedworth by Goodenough
We had one Police case against a woman for stealing some meat from Scott she was convicted and sent up for thirty days that was all the business of any moment to day
I prepared the By Law for the council to night to raise money for the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine and some other matters that were brought out I was busy collecting taxes to day for Rorison he is getting on well with his taxes I think he will get through this year all right
There was a good meeting of the council to night and although the evening was very cold and the wind from the East yet they came out very well it tried to snow for sometime but did not do much at it so that we had a full meeting of the Council to night and passed the By Law to raise $6000 for a Steam Engine and some other small matters
The appeal case of Goodenough against McDonough went against the Town to day as usual

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1867.

To day the weather was intensly cold all day thermometer tonight about zero and a heavy wind blown full of ice thick slushy looking stuff threatening to close up the river altogether

I wrote out my By Law today for Lawrie but in writing it over I discovered that we had not enough of money that we would require more money than what was in our By Law so I went to Dougall and told him about it and he was of my opinion so ~~the~~ several of the Councillors were of the same and we went and told the others and a meeting was appointed to be held tomorrow at eleven oclock

I wrote out my advertisements yesterday and had some of them put up today for the annual election or rather nomination on Monday the Twenty third day of December instant

It is very cold tonight and very bitter cold piercing the wind

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1867.

To day Quite cold I understood the thermometer was at zero last night and two below so it is said many unfortunately has got frozen

To day we had the meeting of the Council and we raised the sum of money in the By Law to $7000 and continued the powers of Mr Collector Copp on with his surety

The rest of the day I was very busy indeed getting the letter press of the By Law corrected in such a way as to make it all consistent with itself in every part

We had a meeting of the Elders and Managers of the Church to night and we found things not so bad as we expected yet we did not find them as well as we could like for instance we were behind hand with Mr Cameron but would be square on the 1st of January next with him which I hope will be the case

Mr Rae as usual has backed out and will not pay his money to the Minister and I think the whole thing is contemptible in the extreme in my opinion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1867.

To day Weather State cold and freezing lightly I see by the papers East that the cold has been intense in Montreal and Quebec some 25 degrees below zero

I saw by the morning papers that the Fenians had blown up the outer wall of the prison at Clerkenwell and had also destroyed several houses opposite in their endeavours to release Burke a Fenian confined in the Clerkenwell prison

Our By Law is all right but our advertisements is all wrong the figure ~~is~~ 3 was allowed to come in where the figure 6 should be but I changed it as quick as I possibly could and so the matter passed away in that way but it annoyed me a good deal in having anything wrong

Barbara bought a book for Mr Brown the Froude new work ~~[illegible]~~ Short Studies on great subjects they are to present it sometime next week

No news of any moment that I have heard of at present

Baron is ill and cannot attend court

To day the weather was pretty
cool but plenty of stoves in
church and we were comfortable
Mr Reeup preached well this
forenoon he appeared to have his
sermon got off pretty well it was
or I think written but in small
compass and he had it on his little
bible & there was no straining his delivery would
sometimes be very good
In the afternoon we had Sabbath
School and then I distributed
the papers to the coloured people
In the evening Mr Mc Lueen
preached an admirable sermon a very
curious one it was ~~to~~ on Christ
being the light of the world he
gave us several brilliant passages
on the the love of liberty by peoples
and nations and how many
heroic deeds had been done by
men in pursuit of liberty he finished
an eloquent discourse of 45 minutes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1867.

To day the weather was moderate nor very cold nor very hot

Mr Curran being still unwell was unable to attend to his business he got Mr Shepley and we discharged a lot of vagabonds and so ended the business for today

No news of any importance unless it be the explosion at the Clerkenwell prisons where they were endeavouring to blow them up to liberate a Colonel Burk a Fenian who was in there

I read a good deal today of a debate in the British Parliament on the Abyssinian Question

Our own Parliament appears to be busy with Postage Excise Intercolonial and some other minor Bills

The Nova Scotians have all gone home or nearly so

We have been very fortunate this year in our family we have not paid one copper for a Physician this year

While several other have been taken down with inflammation ~~cold~~ I have not so much as had a cold

Providence in that respect has been kind to us

Barbara is busy studying for the Examination day after tomorrow

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1867.

To day I was busy collecting taxes as I was yesterday I have somewhere about $400 to pay Bruson when he comes

Mr Shepley committed a fellow by the name of Bell to ~~two~~ six days hard labour for drunkenness

Mr Bell came up to day about summertime for the examination to morrow

In the evening we had Mr Mr Swan, and myself and a more interesting discussion I never heard on Eternal punishment and kindred subjects I thought Mr Swan had the best of the argument in fact he went too far for Mr Bell and took him on his own ground and did it very well indeed Mr Bell seemed to think that he had an excellent faculty of making the worse appear the better reason we sat up until about eleven o'clock before he went home that is Mr ~~Bell~~ Mr Swan

No news of any importance tonight that I hear of I heard that the last steamer from England had a fearful passage

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1867.

To day the weather was moderately cold it got colder during the night

We had no cases of Police business to day of any moment

We commenced the Board proceedings to day about 37 teachers presented themselves for examination I was not particularly struck with their intellectual appearance they all seemed very eager Christy Baxter was extremely nervous at her examination She did badly but she sat alongside of Eliza Weaver and I am some afraid that they copied of each others Barbara was first rate in reading but not so good in spelling or derivation She seemed very bad in definition and derivation however she got on pretty well considering and she was not any nervous amongst them Several of them were very nervous in somethings that they took up

Mr Bell went out a little ~~up to the Mr Lawrens to night~~ but all the most of the Society I conducted the prayer meeting to night I merely read two chapters and kept them in half an hour

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1867.

To day the weather still
moderately cool enough to keep
the roads from thawing
We were engaged that entire day
to day in the examination of
the Teachers
Barbara done pretty well in
history and in several subjects
her poorest was arithmetic she had
only 3/5 in that poor child I hope
she will ~~she will~~ get on she is very
anxious indeed to get along and
we Mr Swany is anxious to assist
several of her subjects was well
done the grammar papers of a
great many of them was very
poor indeed a I Enoch Johnson
was very good
Mr Dougall and I looked
over the compositions and some
of them were very good others
not so good Barbaras was
the best amongst the girls I
thought our paper on ~~[illegible]~~
Grammar was not so good as
it might have been but I
think she will ultimately come
out all right I think the most
of Mr Mc Swains pupils will get
on all right
There has been a fearful Railroad accident
at a place called Angola some 40 or
50 people have lost their lives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1867.

To day Still Moderately Cool
A little snow fell but not
much perhaps about 3½ to
3 inches
We finished the examination
today all the natural Philosophy
Barbara would not do at all
but her algebra was very good
indeed as good any of the girls
and she beat Christy further at
writing Mr Bell gave them a piece
of Poetry from Byron it runs
as follows "Slow sinks before his race
is run"

~~Behind~~ Along Moreas hills the setting sun
not as in northern climes obscurely
bright
But one unclouded blaze of living light

Barbara wrote it very well indeed
I was real well pleased with
her and she got 85½ marks
out of 144 So she got 6 and
had some to spare But she was
quite sick tonight poor child
My heart warms to her very much
she is so good to me and so kindly
in all her ways when others
such as Mr Cameron and Mr
Douglas spoke well of her my
heart was almost too full for
utterance
Jn Mr Swan came in and read
Poetry tonight for a long time to
Mr Bell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1867.

To day the weather moderate but towards two oclock it commenced snowing and in the evening One stream of rain poured down
We had no case before the Police Court to day
Carson came out but he was poorly and looked very bad indeed
The Municipal Politics is thickening very much indeed and will doubtless from the fever heat at which they are at at present end consequently of a disturbance at the election Sol White is being brought out for Deputy Reeve a dangerous idea I think and one that ought to be frowned down by the community The idea I understand to be to night is that William McGregor will run for Deputy Reeve and Cameron for Councillor in the first ward against Nevins Nevins having committed himself to Sol White which will make some trouble from all appearance However things may come round all right at
Mr Bell went home to ~~night~~ day he has had a miserable day
Just after I had finished the above James Bell and Matty Branan came in from the bridge and are staying all night

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1867.

During the night a heavy rain and snow had disappeared and strong heavy wind from the west prevailed all day but freezing to night at the time I write

Mr Kirk preached pretty well all day in the morning he had dissertation on Christ appearing in flesh and dwelling among men he had some good observations on Christmas and about feast days &c

Afternoon Sabbath School as usual

In the evening he preached from the words of Isaiah Turn ye why will ye die the sermon was a pretty good one

But the great thing with me today was the reading of an Essay on the book of Job by Froude It is one of the most admirable Essays of the kind I ever read He seems to think that Job is one of the most admirable books in the Bible and shows indubitably that Job is the type of a large number who rebel against the various opinions of Calvinism which are continually crying out the corruption of human nature and the inability of man to do any good thing and he naively thinks that if an earthly Parent were to receive such confessions from their children such as doing those things which we ought not to do and leaving undone those things which we ought to do

To day the weather was moderate
Sunshine & snow a little but
not much
I was busy to day with my
nominations
Mr Dougall was nominated
and Elected without opposition
Mr Shipley was the same but
Mr White who was proposed for
Deputy Reeve was opposed by
Mr William McGregor Mr Arms
taking the matter in hand and
went going through with it thoroughly
Quite a requisition was presented
to him I understand they blame
me for not declaring White ~~and~~ as
well as Shipley and they say that
the springing of the time on Mr
White was unfair I ought they
say to have ~~[illegible]~~ deferred all the three
from one hour from the time
Mr Dougall was nominated and
I am not sure that I am
right in the way I have done
both plans of rally the Statute
may be right I feel quite
annoyed to have lowly my duty
called in question because God
knows I have no idea of ~~having~~
showing partiality

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1867.

The weather was quite soft today and very much like a Sudden storm and it snowed a great deal but was very soft towards night and thawed just

The Judge to day is decided on my entry and some put it one way and some put the other however I find that a nomination was to be one hour from the commencement n nominating of candidates Still Mr Brown and Mr Dougall are of opinion that the matter would bear another construction which would no doubt be taken into consideration by the Court in the case

No News of any importance worth recording unless it be the dreadful determination of the Fenians in England to do mischief they seem anxious to do as much mischief as possible by a sort of universal harrassment of the police authorities

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1867.

To day it was quite mild all day but towards night it came a regular pour of Rain I was out just at the time and I got pretty wet and miserable

We all went up to Aunt Betsy's to day to dinner we found that Margaret and herself had been suffering from Summer and were not well then Polly was ~~[illegible]~~ quite sick with the same thing and we were not in a very good state to enjoy ourselves although we did do very well indeed there was quite a gathering of the clans at the House and so we got dinner and tea and came home about ~~two~~ seven o'clock just at the time the weather cleared off a little

I read a good while at Dickens Christmas story it is a very good one it commences with a scene in a Foundling Hospital and then in a warehouse of Wyld & Co, on the Thames and when Wyld was the right Wyld and we were quite in a mess and surprise of what to do in the matter the one half is from him and the other from Wilkie Collins

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1867.

To day the weather is quite soft and sloppy although the mud is not deep yet

No news of any importance further than the election begins to make a little speculation and so it will until its termination

Mr Curzon is again able to attend to his duties but he is very feeble and looking very feeble

I am busy posting up my books for a final ~~settle~~ment for within the year by the thirty first day of December I have been very indolent & had no business to leave my affairs in such a state at this time but what a lethargy comes over me occasionally and we are apt to deal with such matters and the form of procrastination we build castles in the air and lay plans ~~who~~ how we are to execute them and how often our best plans go all wrong in fact become quite disorganized and we should anything overtake us under these spells would die with our affairs badly regulated If I stray from my resolutions after I am going to avoid them hereafter if I can

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1867.

To day the weather was still soft occasionally a little cool but nothing to speak of from all appearance December at the end will not be so cold as at the beginning

The weather along down East is very bad at least very cold indeed thermometer below zero so I see by the papers

I see by the Commercial article in the Globe that there will be a great number of failures and have been already that Cotton and Woolen goods are still falling heavily so it is said, and hence the failures. I hear that the McMackens have not very clean hands in the Bankrupt Court that some queer revelations were made before the Official Assignee but it was I am unable to say

I was busy all day with my books posting as tight as I could

We had a Singing Meeting to night and got along comfortably well Barbara is getting now that she can ~~the~~ read all almost herself and that will relieve me much

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1867.

Weather Moderate for the Season

I was busy all day with my books getting ready for the the thirty first so as to settle up all year it is quite an arduous undertaking when it is involved in the affair of a whole years transactions

Not much news the Fenians are evidently bent on mischief in England and are evidently doing a showing their opposition to the government in a way that was never heard of before it is the first time that a countrys ~~cause~~ liberty has been gained by Empire and plunder with not one redeeming faculty in the whole matter

No news of Home worth ~~worth~~ worth the speaking about unless it was the election of Speaker yesterday by the Legislature of Ontario yesterday and this evening the ~~was~~ speech was a good one one that no one could find fault with and one in which the Reformers could find no fault

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1867.

To day the weather was quite cool and nice all day but very moderate for this season of the year.

Mr Kemp gave us an excellent sermon on the words So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. He did it very well indeed and looked back over our past lives and he spoke well of the people who does not believe or act our ~~aft~~ religion he showed how futile all our efforts were at last.

No news. Sabbath School in the afternoon and we had a fair sermon in the evening but nothing extra.

I read a very good story of a man who took No 1 in Paradise Row. It was a good story indeed nothing that I have read for sometime equals it

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1867.

The ground froze and rough and dry no appearance of snow whatever

I was very busy all day with my accounts against the County and for the Town we have had more good out of the Licenses this year than we have ever had before as far as I can make out it is over $1800 this year but how that will be it is hard to say I am not finished yet by a good bit

Electioneering going on as tight as they can go McGregor and White are at it and Neving and Cameron what will be the upshot in the matter it is hard to say Some says McGregor and Cameron are both to be defeated time will tell the thing is a little feverish

We were at McGregors to supper at a party a very nice party it was to but we that is Wifie and I got Sheaba in our box the girls were at Uncle James Bartletts ~~Last~~ to night and we had to come home early

To day still cold and dry

I was very busy all day but finally got through and settled up the whole of my affairs with the Town Mackadu audited them

No other news of any importance To day ~~I was~~ I am 45 years of age this is my birthday God knows I have not done much in my time but I hope and trust the world has been none the worse of me being in it Self righteousness is not a good trait in ones character but it is sometimes necessary for one to look back over his and spy out what is good and what is bad Many a time I felt I have made big mistakes and many a time I have had to rectify them when too late still they have all been matters of education for me and so I have in many instances treated them as such

As usual we had a number of friends come up among whom was Mr Keary and Mrs Newton Crampers and the usual friends we waited until the new year came in and then they went away

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